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Sam Brosnan and Jack Starkweather, both 5, learn about insects during a special program at Memorial Hall Library on Monday.

SAY 'HELLO' TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS!

Bug lady thrills children



Biologist Andrea Kozol holds a praying mantis at Memorial Hall Library during a Creepy Crawly Class designed for preschoolers such as Darby Hackett (inset), 5, who reacts after touching a millipede.

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

By Alessandra Siraco
What's Up contributor

"My name is Andrea, but most people call me Bug Lady."

And so Andrea Kozol began leading Andover youth into a half-hour exploration of the world of bugs — from the speedy millipede to the somersaulting beetle.

Kozol, who has a doctorate in biology, taught three classes at Memorial Hall Library on Monday. The first two programs, entitled "Creepy Crawly Classes," engaged children ages 3 to 5 for 30 minutes each, and the last one, called "Bugology Class," entertained 6- to 10-year-olds for 45 minutes.

Walking into a room in the library, children sat down in a semi-circle, talking about their favorite kinds of bugs. Kozol began by introducing the children to a praying mantis for her first bug. Next, she pulled out a hissing cockroach. As Kozol walked around the room holding the bugs out for the children to touch, each child reacted differently. One blonde-haired girl excitedly asked when the hands-on part would begin and then edged forward to pet the praying mantis when it was her turn. Another boy, though looking at the bugs intently, jumped back at the presentation of the insect.

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End of the free ride?

Selectmen to discuss cost of employees' take-home cars

By Alison McGonagle

Andover may have reached the end of the road on allowing certain town employees to drive taxpayer-funded vehicles home each day.

On Monday, selectmen will discuss a number of issues concerning town vehicles, including reducing the number of employees who are given free take-home vehicles, gas and car insurance.

Selectman Mary Lyman and Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli are working together to create a new vehicle-use policy, which they will present to the board Monday, Aug. 7. The policy is expected to spell out proper use of the vehicles, and may require vehicles to carry the town seal and government plates.

Lyman said she hopes to

"reduce cars, reduce fuel consumption, and reduce the capital improvement budget by looking at the number of cars purchased, and the money spent on each vehicle."

If the effort is successful, and the town fleet is reduced, some adjustments would have to be made, said Joe Piantedosi, director of Plant and Facilities. For employees who utilize town vehicles, the perk is part of their compensation letter issued upon hire, he said.

"We'd have to figure out compensation," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "There [are] a number of issues involved in this. It's going to take time to figure out. They're all things we're looking into, along with any

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EMPLOYEES WITH TOWN-PROVIDED VEHICLES

As of November, 16 town employees could take their cars home each night. All repairs, gas and insurance costs are provided by the town. Below is a 2006 Chevy Colorado driven by Andover's mechanical/electrical superintendent.



POSITION	NAME	VEHICLE MAKE/YEAR
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Vehicle maintenance superintendent	Joseph Favreau	2002 Ford Ranger 4x4
Water/sewer superintendent	Maurice Gray	2006 GMC Envoy
Mechanical/electrical superintendent	Ralph Knight	2006 Chevy Colorado
Town engineer	Brian Moore	2006 Ford Escape 4x4
General foreman, water and sewer	Michael Murnane	2005 Ford F150 Pickup
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Plant & Facilities director	Joseph Piantedosi	2006 Ford Escape Utility
Parks & Grounds superintendent	Randy Pickersgill	2000 GMC Pickup 4x4
Water treatment plant superintendent	John Pollano	2006 Ford Escape 4x4
Town manager *	Buzz Stapczynski	2000 Buick LeSabre
Police chief *	Brian Pattullo	2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Police operations commander *	James Hashem	2004 Ford Crown Victoria
K-9 police officer	Stephen Neal	2004 Ford Crown Victoria
Fire chief *	Charles Murnane	2002 Ford Explorer 4x4

* Employees in bold are allowed to use their cars for both business and personal use.
Note: The late Kenneth Parker, building superintendent, drove a 2002 Chevy Silverado pickup. His position has not been filled yet permanently.

INFOGRAPHIC BY NEIL FATER, SOURCE: PLANT & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL SPACE NEEDS

State finds Andover in better shape than most

By Alison McGonagle

While Andover school officials worry about overcrowding in town schools, a recent needs survey conducted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority found that all Andover Public Schools rate in the "good" to "generally good" range for space.

The survey used state size standards as

follows: elementary schools should be 115 square feet per student; middle schools should be 135 square feet per student and high schools should be 155 square feet per student.

By these standards, only four Andover schools failed to rate the highest possible rating, "good" and all of these earned the next best rating, "generally good."

"The goal of the needs survey was to gather preliminary information on each school facility in the Commonwealth," said Carrie Sullivan, spokeswoman for the MSBA. "The results serve as a reference guide, or snapshot."

Whether the state's rating will in any way affect Andover's chances of securing

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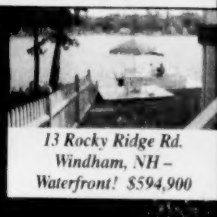


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SELECTMEN

Many goals remain the same

By Alison McGonagle

Starting the long awaited Main Street Improvement Project is expected to be among selectmen's top goals for this fiscal year.

The Main Street Project is just one of 20 goals set for fiscal year 2007 in the selectmen's draft of new goals. Many of the projects, including the Main Street job, have been on the selectmen's list of goals for years.

Last year, Andover did receive funding and approval for the Main Street project from the state. This year's goal is to prepare for and coordinate the project's commencement. Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, is expected to update the board on the project in late August or September.

Other goals address:
Reducing health expenses

Last year, selectmen set an

fiscal year 2006 goal to cut health insurance costs. Co-pay changes were incorporated into new union agreements, and a "very good rate" was received for FY07, according to documents obtained at the Town Manager's office.

The FY07 goals do include further work in this area: "finding savings and managing costs" of health insurance for town employees.

NESWC refund

In addition to exploring ways to save on health insurance, another "Budget & Finance" goal for FY 07 is to "determine where to place funds, and what they should be used for" regarding the \$3.6 million NESWC refund. This money will need to be certified as free cash at the close of FY06 before it can be built into any budget, or made available for future

appropriations.

Capping the landfill

Current and ongoing projects include moving the Ledge Road Landfill project along in "an expeditious manner." Capping the uncapped portion of the landfill received approval from the Conservation Commission last Tuesday, and is being brought before the state's Department of Environmental Protection within the next couple of months, according to Camp, Dresser & McKee, the engineering firm working on the plans. The goal seeks to design a new cap for the Deyermund Fields – the other half of the landfill – and keep the public in the loop via "quarterly updates."

"We're going to try to get it moving ahead as quickly as we

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Faster than a speeding millipede

BUG LADY

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Kozol is a partner, along with Marie Anne Diamond, in Bugworks, her hands-on live bug program based out of Sudbury. It is the "perfect combination of my love of science, bugs and kids," explained Kozol of the three-year-old business.

Since this year's summer theme at the library is "What's Buzzin'," Bugworks was a natural fit. Amy Gribbel brought her children Sabrina and Johnny to Monday's event so they could learn about bugs. Carlene Hackett also thought Bugworks seemed interesting and signed up her daughter Darby.

While the first two bugs extracted their share of smiles and thrills, for most of these children, the millipede was the real showstopper. With 260 legs, this giant bug captured everyone's attention. The kids' eyes grew wide, staring at the long black body and multiple legs. Guesses started flying about what the creature could possibly be.

"I know what it is – it's a snake!" exclaimed one toddler. Others guessed it was a worm. Kozol carefully maneuvered the millipede to show its legs, proving that it was not, despite the guesses, either of those things.

Kozol explained that millipedes enjoy cucumbers.

"See what happens when you eat all your fruits and vegetables – look how big you get!" she said.

With their eyes glued to the giant insect, the children watched in awe as the millipede moved slowly across the ground, eventually reaching a run – the speed of which all the kids agreed they could far surpass.

After the millipede, the children met a giant grasshopper and somersaulting beetles. The children exclaimed "Wow!" as Kozol placed two beetles on the ground and watched them flip themselves over like gymnasts.

Hannah Rose, after pondering the entire "Creepy Crawly" show for a moment, said the best



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Rebekah Edwards, 5, touches a millipede at Memorial Hall Library on Monday.

part of the program was "feeling bugs." Darby Hackett enjoyed seeing the millipede.

Kozol answered every question the children asked. Chris Rose, Hannah's father, thought that this was the gem of the program.

By the end of the 30 minutes, even some of the kids who were squeamish at first later regarded the bugs with interest.

"That's a victory," said Kozol about converting hesitant children to appreciate the insects. "Learning science hands-on is the best way to go."

Schools believe space need is clear

SPACE NEEDS

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state funding for future school expansion projects remains to be seen.

Sullivan also said that prior to the survey, which she called "basic," there was no centralized data on all schools in Massachusetts.

"We plan to work together with communities," Sullivan said, "and collaborate with cities and towns, like Andover, throughout the planning process."

A recent study funded by Andover found that the town may soon need to add space to the schools. Superintendent

Claudia Bach said Andover is still two or three years away from seeking to build again, and is confident the state will see a need.

"They will see that we have space needs," Bach said. "I think that it's quite obvious. I can't imagine that they wouldn't determine that."

Bach said the state survey, in calculating square footage per student, failed to take into consideration the numerous places in schools that cannot be used for classroom space, such as the field house at Andover High. Space shortages at Andover High require students to eat in hallways, and use library space

for classrooms.

"I would suggest to them to visit Andover High School on any given day, sit in a classroom, stand in hallways, and then make a decision," said Deb Silberstein, School Committee member.

"I'm sure that if that agency came out and did a more extensive study, findings would probably be more in line with New England School Development Council's determinations," Bach said of MSBA. She also said that while some buildings are in good condition, others, like the older Shawsheen School, are not.

Bach also said the school system is growing, citing new housing developments as a source of new students.

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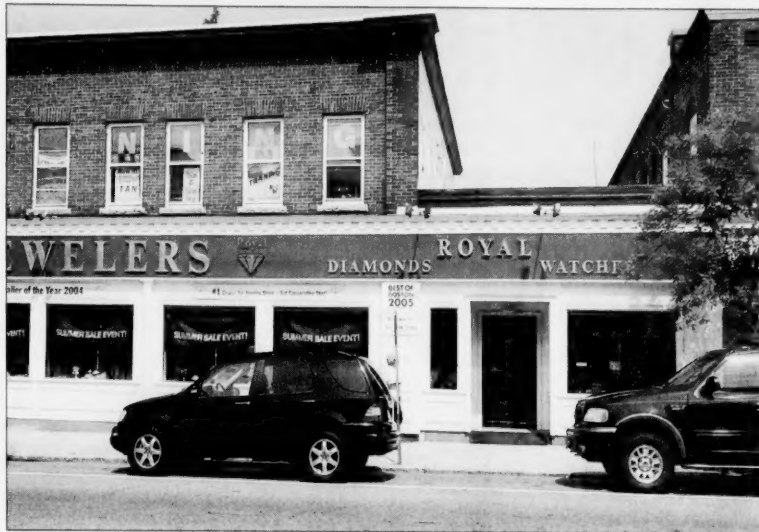
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



The Arco building on Main Street can be seen in the top photo. Arco stood for Andover Realty Company and the building's tenants have included the Paper Store, Elander & Swanton, the Andover Townsman, Arrow Cleaners, Cross Coal, CVS, and today, Royal Jewelers.

Residents who have an older photo for this "Past and Present" feature are invited to stop by the paper or mail the photo and information to the Andover Townsman at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810.

More than overtime costs after flooding

Wondering how thoroughly May's floodwaters logged the Andover taxpayers' collective wallet? According to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, the costs will not be fully totaled until late August.

"There's more than just overtime to be considered," said Stapczynski on Monday.

Residents seeking federal aid for personal property damage have another few days. The Federal Emergency Management Agency application deadline is now Aug. 7, an extension from the initial deadline of July 24.

— Alison McGonagle

Sound barriers

Does the sound of the highway near your home drive you crazy?

State Sen. Sue Tucker and Rep. Barry Fingegold will host a forum for Andover residents on the building of highway sound barriers on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Andover's Memorial Hall Library.

Representatives of Mass Highway will discuss the criteria, processes and procedures for building highway sound barriers and say they will answer questions from the audience following the presentation.

New director of campus ministry

Merrimack College recently appointed Sr. Mary Ellen Dow, as the new director of campus ministry for the college.

Dow served as a campus minister at Bridgewater State College for eight years and as a public relations and candidate assessment representative for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Cincinnati, Ohio for 13 years.

Quote, unquote . . .

HER TOURS OFFER A GLIMPSE of the beauty here [at Poms Pond]...We're stewards of the land here and we both believe this is a wonderful place to have in town.

— Brian Parker on "Ranger Ruth," Ruth Masters, a former park ranger who offers nature tours of the Poms Pond area. (Story in Townspeople, page 17)

News Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 3

Board of Selectmen, with Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force and Tewksbury and Wilmington Officials, Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury, 8 a.m.

Board of Selectmen and School Committee members, Youth Center Subcommittee, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, second floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 7

Board of Health, Town Offices,

first floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, first floor conference room, 7 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

32 from Andover to ride in PMC

Thirty-two Andover residents — and 4,500 other people from around the globe — will tackle the Pan-Mass Challenge bike ride on Aug. 5 and 6, working towards the organization's goal to raise \$24 million this year. Bikers can choose from eight routes throughout Massachusetts, ranging from 70 to 192 miles, while raising money for cancer research.

"I'm riding it to raise money for the Jimmy Fund, and for a little boy who was in the unit where I work at Children's Hospital," Andover resident Kristin Burns said.

Burns, a nurse in the bone marrow transplant unit at Children's, is riding on Team Brentwheels to raise money for Brent McCreesh, who is battling neuroblastoma. "Just from talking to Brent's mother, it inspired me to get out there again and raise some money for the Pan-Mass Challenge," she said.

"When you're doing the ride you hear stories," Lucy Bernardin, another Andover resident said. "You realize that you may think you're having a bad day and the ride might be tough, but it's nothing compared to what those people have gone

through and are going through.

"I had several family members who've died of pancreatic cancer, and I have a couple of cousins who have breast cancer. I just know so many people who've been affected by cancer," Bernardin said of her decision to ride in her second PMC.

She is organizing a raffle, the grand prize of which will be 52 restaurant gift certificates (go to www.bikingtowardsacure.com to buy raffle tickets).

In addition to the many riders, volunteers play a large part in the event. Susan Kagdis, Richard Pesaturo, and his daughter Katherine, all of Andover, will be volunteering at the PMC this year. Kagdis is a manager, Pesaturo cooks on the grill at the finish line, and Katherine will be a manager-in-training this year.

To learn more about the PMC or to make a donation to a rider, go to www.pmc.org or call (800)WE-CYCLE.

— Alessandra Siraco

Planning gives OK to tear down Friendly's building for new bank

By Colin Steele

The Planning Board Monday night gave the go-ahead for Butler Bank to tear down the Friendly's restaurant building on North Main Street.

The company plans to build a 12,000-square-foot bank and retail center. The bank could begin demolition in as soon as 20 days, once a mandatory appeal period ends and the town issues a building permit.

"As soon as the permits are in hand, we're ready to go," said Rosemary Radulski, the bank's business development director. "We're very excited to come to Andover."

Once construction begins, the project will take between six and nine months to complete, said Ginger Pearson, vice president and marketing director. Work will continue through the winter, she said.

The two-story building will feature a



A new bank building (above) will replace the Friendly's building, which opened in 1965 and closed in December.

drive-thru teller window and ATM. The plans also call for sidewalk improvements and new landscaping and lighting through-

out the property.

Drivers may enter the 38-space parking lot from North Main and Pearson streets but must exit onto Pearson Street. Pearson Street is named after Gen. Gardner Pearson, who founded Butler Bank.

The bank's business before the Planning Board is not finished yet. At its Sept. 12 meeting, the board will consider easing the town's parking space regulations on the site — a move that could allow the bank to lease part of its retail space for a restaurant. Restaurants require more parking spots than banks, shops and other businesses.

If the Planning Board approves that special permit, the bank would have to install a paved sidewalk across Pearson Street. The theory, according to town bylaws, is that a crosswalk would increase pedestrian traffic and decrease the need for more parking spaces.

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Employees with take-home vehicles can fill up their vehicles at the town yard.

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Joseph Favreau (Vehicle maintenance)	Billerica	8,447	450.0	\$ 814.13	18.7
Chris Cronin (Highway)	Merrimack, N.H.	26,424	1,406.0	\$2,532.88	18.7
Philip Newcomb (Highway)	Tewksbury	11,585	917.0	\$1,630.43	12.6
Michael Murnane (Water and sewer)	Andover	6,460	479.0	\$ 890.37	13.4
Buzz Stapczynski (Town manager)*	Andover	9,064	406.0	\$ 740.82	22.3
Joe Piantadosi (Plant & Facilities)	Bedford	11,987	595.9	\$1,106.97	†
Jack Petkus (Public Works)	Merrimack, N.H.	17,765	832.2	\$1,527.64	†
John Pollano (Water treatment plant)	E. Hampstead, N.H.	10,449	491.0	\$ 935.73	†
Maurice Gray (Water and sewer)	Salisbury	16,569	952.2	\$1,805.34	†
Brian Moore (Town engineer)	Londonberry, N.H.	9,953	535.9	\$1,001.15	†
Kenneth Parker (Building, deceased)	Bradford	12,566	881.0	\$1,571.59	14.2
James Hashem (Police)*	Haverhill	19,359	1,070.0	\$1,918.55	18.0
Stephen Neal (Police)	Haverhill	19,811	1,794.0	\$3,259.51	11.04
Brian Pattullo (Police)*	Not available	16,331	885.0	\$1,672.61	†
Chuck Murnane (Fire)*	Andover	10,318	671.0	\$1,231.99	15.3

* These employees are allowed to use their cars for both business and personal use.

† These employees were given a new vehicle between December 2004 and November 2005. In three of the six cases, the newly purchased vehicles were recorded as having lower fuel efficiency, meaning they covered fewer miles per gallon than the older vehicle they replaced.

INFOGRAPHIC BY NEIL FETTER
SOURCE: TOWN PLANT & FACILITIES



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Selectmen are expected to make a decision about replacing the Parks & Grounds superintendent's truck on Monday. It is the most travelled vehicle, according to town statistics.

17 vehicles, 247,583 miles

From December 2004 through November 2005, the most current 12-month figures available from the town, Andover workers drove a total of 247,583 miles in their take-home vehicles. That's an average of about 14,564 miles per person during that 12 months.

Of the 17 vehicles, four are authorized for personal and business use. Those four vehicles were driven a total of 55,072 miles this year, for an average of only 13,768 miles per vehicle.

The town uses 14,576 gallons of gas to fuel these 17 vehicles, at a total cost of nearly \$27,000. According to Piantadosi, the town gets gas at wholesale prices — prices below what people pay at gas

stations — and is exempt from the federal tax on gasoline, which is currently 21 cents per gallon.

Since the make and model of town vehicles vary, the miles per gallon follow suit. The town's fleet of cars and trucks burns gas at a rate of anywhere from 11 miles per gallon to 29.31 miles per gallon. The best gas mileage came from a 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid driven for part of the year by Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

The canine police officer's vehicle is listed at getting 11.04 miles per gallon. Co-workers with the same vehicle, a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, are getting around 18 or 19 miles per gallon.

Taking away some take-homes possible

TOWN VEHICLES

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change in the policy."

Employees filling 17 town positions are offered take home vehicles. Four vehicles are authorized for business and personal use, and all others are restricted to commuting and business related travel.

Nearly \$27,000 is spent on fuel per year, based on the amount spent from December 2004 until November 2005, the most recent period available from the town. That expense is lower than it could be because the town buys gasoline wholesale, and also is exempt from the 21 cent per gallon gasoline tax.

Current insurance costs of take-home were still being calculated at *Townsmen* press time, according to Piantadosi.

The current policy "prohibits personnel from using their town-provided vehicle for any reason other than town business during the day and commuting to and from work."

Stapczynski expects the new policy to make it "clearer, in case there's any misunderstand-

ing that take home vehicles are for commuting use only, business only."

He said that the policy has been violated before, and "when I have heard, it's been addressed." He said he is not aware of any such issues at the moment.

"With all town vehicles, could be a truck out of town, people call and want to know why a vehicle is here or there or someplace," Stapczynski said. "Ninety-nine percent of the time there's a reason why its there. There was one occasion where there was discipline handed out due to breach of the policy."

Stapczynski declined further comment on the breach of policy, stating that it was a "union matter."

"We do want to reemphasize that [town vehicles are] there for professional reasons, and not for personal use," Lyman said.

Lyman also wants the new policy to be clear about whether the town or the individual drivers are responsible for accidents that occur when the employee is not on the job.

LIMITS ON USE

The town is looking to strengthen its existing policy on take-home vehicles. Andover's current policy specifically states that town employees cannot use their vehicle:

- on weekends
- to do errands before or after work
- to give rides to friends and family
- to drive children to school

Individual cases

Four employees can use their vehicles for both business and personal use: Stapczynski, Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Fire Chief Chuck Murnane, and Police Lt. James Hashem. But those employees actually drive slightly fewer miles than the average Andover employee with a take-home vehicle.

On average, the drivers of the 17 vehicles drove 14,564 miles per year. Amesbury commuter Pickersgill, parks & grounds superintendent, tallied the most miles, driving his 2000 GMC Pickup 27,380 miles this year. General foreman and Andover resident Michael Murnane drove his 2005 Ford F150 Pickup the fewest miles, 6,460 miles. Nei-

ther vehicle is authorized for personal use.

Selectmen expect to vote on whether to buy Pickersgill a new vehicle at their meeting on Monday.

"We do have an opportunity right now, having reviewed a number of vehicles, to make a recommendation to transfer a car from one position to another," Lyman said. "There will be recommendation made in connection with Randy Pickersgill's vehicle."

Piantadosi submitted a request to Stapczynski for the replacement of Pickersgill's vehicle with a new Chevrolet Colorado, and took the request before the selectmen on July 24. He estimated the vehicle would cost around \$20,000. At this year's Town Meeting, \$23,000 was earmarked to replace the vehicle, but selectmen elected to wait until the new use policy is discussed before deciding about the vehicle.

Piantadosi said Pickersgill responds to numerous tree calls 24 hours per day. In 2005, he responded to 28 emergency calls, and attended 12 evening meetings, according to the truck purchase request letter from Piantadosi, addressed to Stapczynski.

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Sealing the deal may be required

The selectmen are considering ways to make it clear take-home vehicles are town vehicles. Currently, town vehicles have either small emblem stickers on the windows, or larger town seals.

"It points the vehicle out as a municipal vehicle and from that perspective it makes a lot of sense because a lot of the initiatives that we're looking at are moreso to make sure that the vehicles that are going home have a set policy, and we're not just haphazardly deciding who gets what," said Selectman Brian Major.

"We're going to recommend that all cars be fitted with municipal plates and markings that mark the cars as town of Andover," said Chairman Alex Vispoli. "We want to standardize the type of vehicles we purchase, but in the meantime we want all the cars that we own to have the appropriate markings and municipal plates. The marking would be a permanently affixed seal of Andover on the door, not something removable."

— Alison McGonagle

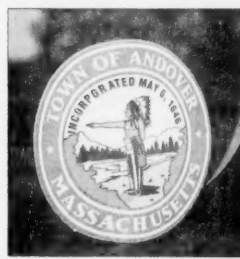


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A small sticker with the town seal on a side window of a town vehicle. Selectmen will discuss requiring larger seals to be placed on car doors.

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Many of leaders' goals look familiar

■ SELECTMEN

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can," said point person for the project, Jack Petkus, director of Public Works.

Route 125 lights

Also on Petkus' list is the Route 125 signalization, which he says is, "probably in next fiscal year's funding, rather than the current year." Petkus said there are "basic design questions that should have been asked at the first public hearing," and as a result, the project is waiting. Also, the project is currently before the conservation commission, awaiting approval.

Youth center

The construction of a youth center is on both last year's and this year's lists. The board will "continue to support and encourage Andover Youth Foundation in its efforts to build a youth center." AYF's warrant article was withdrawn at the 2006 Town Meeting, according to documents obtained at the Town Manager's office, and the board, a School Committee subcommittee, and "others" are looking into using the Doherty School site.

This year's goal includes developing a new AYF development agreement, and continuing site selection conversations.

I-93 interchange

The Interstate 93 Interchange at Lowell Junction remains on the town's list. Last year, the Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force presented a review of the proposed interchange alternatives, and made recommendations. The board endorsed the recommendations, and the project is now in the hands of the Federal Highway Department.

Stapczynski is acting as a point person for this year's I-93 goal, which includes supporting federal and state funding efforts, working with Wilmington and Tewksbury, and providing public updates.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 26 – At 9:15 a.m., Dan Thanh Nguyen, 33, of 24 Lynn St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for mail fraud.

At 11:57 a.m., William A. Poirer, 47, of 1 Fieldstone Drive, Burlington, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol (a second offense), and with having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

Thursday, July 27 – At 1:22 p.m. Jose J. Rivera, 31, of 3 Washington St., Apartment 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with an expired inspection sticker and a revoked license, and driving with a child under six without a car seat.

Friday, July 28 – At 1:30 p.m., David F. Crow, 29, of 32 Sylvester St., Apartment A, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 1:55 p.m., Salvatore J. Harland, 28, of 20 River Road was arrested on warrants for credit card fraud under \$250, forgery, and uttering a forged instrument.

Saturday, July 29 – At 12:52 a.m., Wayne M. Cormier Jr., 26, of 27 Lake St., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for violating a 209 A restraining order.

At 7:44 p.m., Joanne R. Cobuzzi, 54, of 1 Sargent St., was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and leaving the scene of property damage.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 26 – At 9:05 p.m., a Cheever Circle man reported receiving a threatening telephone call.

Thursday, July 27 – At 3:58 a.m., a Pine Brook Drive resident reported excessive noise coming from a neighbor's house.

Friday, July 28 – At 10:57 a.m., a Corbett Street resident reported vandalism at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

At 9:04 p.m., a Central Street woman dialed 911 to report a bat in her house. Although she had killed the bat already, she wanted it tested for rabies. The officer advised her to get the bat tested on her own.

At 10:12 p.m., an Essex Street resident reported a loud party with several underage guests in attendance. Several suspects fled the scene when the responding officers crashed the party.

Saturday, July 29 – At 1:18 a.m., a delivery person reported hearing a male-female altercation on Chestnut Street in which the male threatened physical violence.

At 12:23 p.m., a South Main Street woman reported an uninvited guest – a pigeon. An officer responded, noting that it was a homing pigeon, and escorted the bird out of the house.

At 2:09 p.m., a Blackberry Lane resident called to report an unconscious 29-year-old female, who was not breathing. The caller said CPR was being performed. The Fire Department, ALS and Med Flight responded.

At 4:24 p.m., a Chandler Road resident called to report that a 77-year-old man fell off a ladder and was unconscious.

Sunday, July 30 – At 9:46 a.m., a Joyce Terrace man reported that he and his wife had been stung by a bee, and that there were a lot of bees near his house.

At 4:04 p.m., the Andovers Gift Shop on Main Street reported a shoplifter. A no-trespass order was issued.

At 7:43 p.m. a domestic dispute was reported.

Monday, July 31 – At 3:04 p.m. a male on Dascomb Road got his finger stuck in a printing press. Andover Fire Department responded.

At 6 p.m., a Juniper Road resi-

dent reported seeing a go-cart driving on the street.

At 6:09 p.m. a resident reported a domestic dispute.

At 6:16 p.m. a resident reported a domestic dispute.

At 10:55 p.m. a Fairwood Drive resident reported a noise complaint. Officers found subjects fishing on Field Pond Dam, and were asked to leave because they were trespassing.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1 – At 8:23 p.m. a William Street woman reported being scratched by a squirrel. She also had trapped him. Animal control responded.

At 9:40 p.m. a North Main Street resident reported a power outage.

THEFTS

Wednesday, July 26 – At 7:08 p.m. a Lowell Street man reported that his boat had been stolen from Haggetts Pond last week.

Thursday, July 27 – At 8:26 a.m., the manager of the Lowell Street 99 Restaurant reported that its keg shed was broken into and 12 kegs were stolen.

At 12:55 p.m., a Main Street resident who had previously reported his or her ATM card and laptop stolen called to report that the thief was trying to use the ATM card.

At 6:22 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive man reported a belief that his ex-girlfriend stole his check book and car payment book.

At 7:56 p.m., a High Street woman reported identity theft.

Monday, July 31 – At 11:26 a.m. a Vine Street woman reported that her plants had been stolen 10 days before.

At 1:55 p.m. a High Plain Road resident reported that someone had taken a construction sign.

Tuesday, Aug. 1 – At 12:35 p.m., a River Road man reported that his tools were stolen.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 26 – At 9:16

Diving accident victim dies

By Judy Wakefield

The 29-year-old woman who was severely injured in a tragic diving accident at a South Andover swimming pool last Saturday afternoon has died.

A family gathering at 10 Blackberry Lane turned tragic when the woman unsuccessfully attempted to dive into a pool. A Med Flight helicopter made an emergency landing at the nearby South Elementary School baseball field and she was airlifted to Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, said Fire Chief Charles Murnane. She died early the next day, Sunday.

Murnane would not release the woman's name. He would only say she was visiting relatives at the gathering and she was from Colorado. The call for help from the fire department was logged at about 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29.

William and Sarah Letsky own the colonial home where the accident occurred. Sarah Letsky, who is a special education teacher at Doherty Middle School, is out of state and tearfully returned a telephone call to the Townsman. She confirmed the woman's death, but had no other comment on the tragedy.

"Our prayers are with the Letsky family and with the victim's family," Murnane said. "It's just an awful, heartbreaking tragedy. All of our guys who responded are still praying and thinking of all of them."

When Andover fire and police personnel arrived at the accident scene, there were three children and seven adults in the pool cooling off from the hot weather. There was no evidence of alcohol or foul play when police and fire personnel arrived, Murnane said.

The victim apparently had attempted to dive into the pool, but hurt herself and she was unconscious in the water, Murnane said. A relative successfully pulled her from the pool and began administering CPR. She was conscious when more paramedics arrived from Lawrence General Hospital.

Murnane said a helicopter flew in from Hanscom Field in Bedford after receiving a call from the local paramedics that the victim had life-threatening head injuries. "Unfortunately, her injuries met the criteria and she was quickly airlifted to Boston," he said.

Murnane said Andover has about 10 landing spots for Med Flight helicopters and all of the spots are programmed into a global positioning system so no time is wasted when the helicopters are called.

"They know exactly where to fly and, in this case, the baseball field was the closest landing spot to the accident. Our guys got her there and Med Flight took it from there," he said.

Murnane said Med Flight helicopters average about one visit to town per month.

p.m. a woman reported that her cellular telephone had been stolen from her vehicle while she was at work on Jenkins Road.

Friday, July 28 – At 11:23 a.m., a Prospect Road resident called 911 to report that someone had vandalized her vehicle.

Sunday, July 30 – At 1 p.m., a

vehicle was reported in the tree line on Beacon Street. The vehicle was pulled from the tree line, and the operator drove it home.

Monday, July 31 – At 11:21 a.m., a Tamys Lane woman reported a laptop stolen out of her car.

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Business

BRIEFS

Six Andover establishments named 'Best of Boston'

Boston magazine has named six Andover businesses among its 370 winners in its 33rd annual "Best of Boston" issue.

Boston magazine said its "anonymous judges explored Greater Boston, its suburbs, the Cape and islands, and the Berkshires to find the best there is to offer."

Andover restaurant Sa-vour Kitchen was named Best of Boston in 2006 for breakfast.

The following Andover businesses also were named Best of Boston in 2006:

- Dresscode, for women's clothing;
- Les Fleurs, for florist;
- Alpers Fine Art, for gallery
- Salon Marc Harris, for hair salon; and
- Royal Jewelers, for jewelry.

While Salon Marc Harris at 34 Park St. in Andover won "Best Hair Salon-North," its Newbury Street location won an award for "Best Haircut Under \$200."

Waterhouse an Enterasys VP

Trent Waterhouse has been appointed vice president of marketing by Enterasys Networks. Waterhouse brings more than 15 years of technology and business marketing experience to Enterasys. Most recently, he was vice president of corporate strategy for CA (formerly Computer Associates).

"Trent has unique knowledge of the networking industry, from both a hardware and software perspective," said Mike Fabiaschi, president and CEO of Enterasys. "I'm confident he will drive successful demand generation programs for our direct and indirect sales channels."

Back to Back awards for ERA

For the second year in a row, ERA Home & Family Real Estate won the national Commitment to Excellence award from ERA Franchise Systems, Inc. becoming the first ERA franchise in ERA's history to win the award in two successive years.

"This is unprecedented – it's a tremendous honor," broker/owner Johanna Webster said in a release.

In a separate, local event, a number of sales agents from ERA Home & Family Real Estate were also recognized at the ERA Awards Banquet for their strong showings.

Recipients of the Ambassador's Circle Award included Owner/Broker Barry Cunningham, and Ada Troncoso and Jacqueline Morgan both of the Andover office. Recipients of the Beyond Excellence Circle Award included Michele Schneider and Mary Lee of Andover. Webster received the Leader's Circle Award for her sales achievements.

ERA Home & Family Real Estate serves the Greater Merrimack and Nashoba Valleys with offices in Andover, Groton, Leominster and Tewksbury.

Joins US Supreme Court bar

Michael Giaimo of Andover traveled to Washington D.C. this spring with 44 Suffolk University Law School alumni colleagues to be sworn in as members of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. He received a juris doctor degree from Suffolk Law School in 2000.

The law alumni appeared before the justices of the US Supreme Court during one of the court's weekly Monday morning sessions. The motion to admit the Suffolk Law alumni to the Supreme Court Bar was allowed and the 44 Suffolk Law alumni present for the ceremony took an oath to uphold the US Constitution and are now admitted to practice and argue cases before the US Supreme Court.

Bartley attends conference

Robert Bartley CPA, CFP of Bartley Financial Advisors, 68 Park St., recently attended the Financial Planning Association's 2006 regional conference. Topics included boomer mega-trends, Social Security, bond-market strategies and financial market predictors.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Jerry Gauron, owner of the Cycle Stop, is among the local business owners who would like to see a boost in sales from a state sales-tax holiday weekend, next Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13.

Gearing up for sales-tax holiday

Some businesses see boost; legislators split on making event annual

By Allison McGonagle

Andover businesses are expecting improved sales during an upcoming sales-tax-free weekend, but the town's state legislators are split over whether the tax-free weekend should be an annual affair.

The third annual tax holiday weekend has been passed by the legislature. The governor is expected to approve the act, designating Aug. 12 and 13 as tax-free. All items costing less than \$2,500 will be exempt from the usual 5 percent sales tax.

The weekend saved consumers \$25 million and retailers pocketed \$900 million during the past two years, according to information from State Rep. Barry Finegold.

Finegold said he supports the holiday this year, but he did not support efforts to create an annual tax holiday. State Rep. Barbara

L'Italien also voted in support of the holiday this year, but is against making the sales tax holiday a permanent, annual event.

"Certain years, if tax revenue is real rough, if we're having a rough year, it may not be a smart thing to do," Finegold said. "That's why I think we should [re]consider it every year."

Sen. Susan Tucker feels differently. She said the holiday is "good for the Merrimack Valley" putting it on an "even keel" with tax-free New Hampshire for that weekend. Tucker spoke on the Senate floor in support of making the weekend an annual occurrence, making it one less act for the legislature to address while in session each July.

"I think it's a good idea to do this year after year," she said. "It encourages people to buy locally."

Andover Village furniture store Suna at Home enjoyed its first year

USE TAX

Massachusetts law dictates that when residents cross the border to make tax-free purchases, they need to keep their receipts if they plan to use the item in this state. The equivalent of the items' tax should be paid to the state at tax time in April.

in business last year. The sales-tax holiday was the business' biggest weekend sales wise, according to owner Lynn Alexander.

"Thanks to the no tax weekend we had our biggest month in furniture sales in August," Alexander said. "It helped get us through the summer and off to a good start into the holiday season."

"It's always a good thing," said Jerry Gauron, owner of the Cycle Stop on Chestnut Street. "Every-

one had a good time with it. People are going to buy them anyhow, but people held off a few days and started to wait."

"It's always very stimulative," Ron Hill, Andover Chamber of Commerce president, said. "It's a plus for businesses and consumers to be able to shop close to home rather than go to New Hampshire. I think it would be a great thing for the economy as well. We're all about business and quality of life here in Andover, and we hope people get out and make big purchases."

During the weekend, some items will continue to be taxed. In addition to purchases over \$2,500, the sale of telecommunications, tobacco products, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats and meals will remain taxed during the otherwise tax-free weekend, according to the act.

Andover residents now corporators of the Savings Bank

The Savings Bank recently announced the addition of two new corporators who live in Andover.

Resident James Edholm is president and founder of Business Benefits Insurance Brokerage Inc., a company that specializes in employee benefits with a Web-based human resource information system. A graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, Edholm began his career as a chemical sales executive. He was later associated with Capital Analyst as a financial planner before founding his own brokerage.

Edholm is active with the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence as a past president and currently serves as president of the Lawrence Rotary Club.

Arthur H. Richter of Andover is a certified general real estate appraiser and a licensed real

estate broker associated with Property Consultants, a real estate consulting, management and brokerage firm he established in 1987. A native of Lawrence, Richter graduated from Lawrence High School and attended Northern Essex Community College and Bentley College.

In 1981, he established A.H. Richter Trucking Co., later selling the company to junior partners in 1987.

Richter serves on the boards of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, Central Catholic High School, and Andover's Spring Grove Cemetery Commission. He is a past director of the Northern Massachusetts Commercial-Investment Board of Realtors, Northeast Association of Realtors, Greater Lawrence Board of Realtors and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. He is a past president of the Exchange Club of Lawrence and has

served on the advisory committee to the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center. He and his wife, Ana, have two daughters.



COURTESY PHOTO

James Edholm, left, and Arthur Richter, both of Andover, were elected as corporators at the annual meeting of the Savings Bank.

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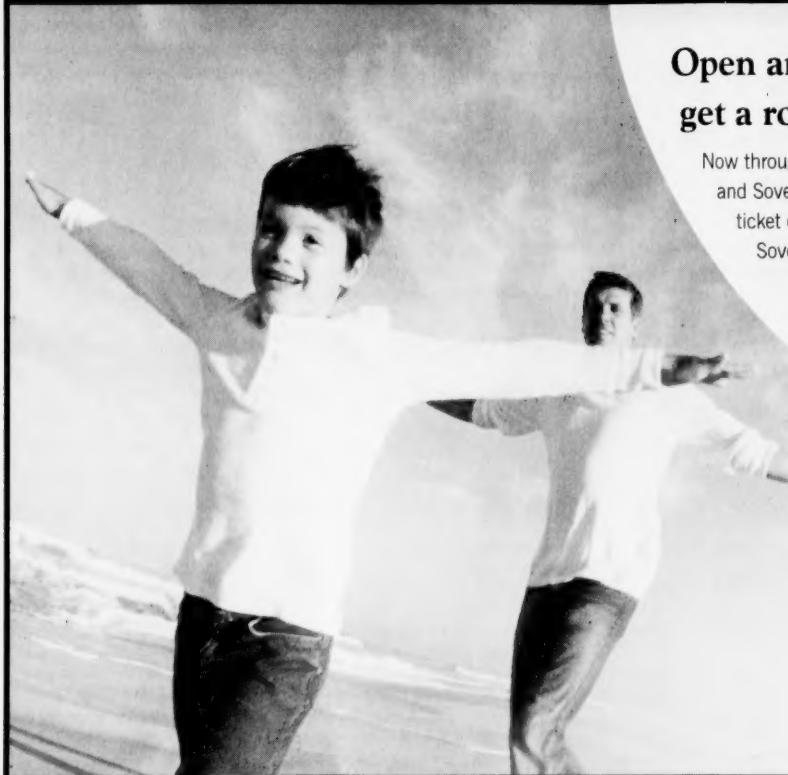
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Opinion

TAKE-HOME VEHICLES

The road less traveled

ANDOVER'S SELECTMEN – particularly Mary Lyman and Alex Vispoli – deserve credit for looking into whether residents are being served by Andover's decision to allow 17 employees to take home taxpayer funded cars. Too often in smaller communities, elected officials shy away from tackling tough issues and long-standing perks. Local elected officials – essentially volunteers who receive a small stipend – often see enough controversy that some decide not to seek more on their own.

But selectmen owe it to the taxpayers and neighbors who elect them to ensure that their money is being used in the best possible way. Lyman and Vispoli have formed a subcommittee to look into the town's auto-use policy. Selectmen will determine whether the town should put the brakes on the number of cars and trucks people can take home, and the cost of free gas and insurance that comes with them.

Although selectmen have not mentioned any instances of abuse, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has acknowledged that such instances are not unheard of. It makes sense for selectmen to require a town seal on most vehicles. There might be some understandable exceptions, such as cars used by police, who don't always want to be identified. But such a marking would help discourage anyone from using the vehicle to run errands or take other personal trips. In almost all cases, town employees' take-home cars are to be used for commuting and business purposes only.

With generous benefits offered to all retiring and existing town employees and people living longer, town residents are going to find themselves paying more for fewer services as the years go by. The average taxpayer does not and will not receive many of these benefits. Many residents – doctors, lawyers, even computer technicians – can be called in the middle of the night to handle job-related emergencies. They neither receive nor expect company cars.

Lyman and Vispoli should be congratulated for taking the wheel on this issue in an effort to ensure taxpayers can never be taken for a ride.

Web question

Town seal on all town vehicles?

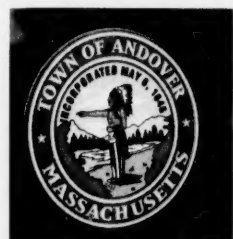
Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question asked: Do you think that the town should reduce the number of town employees who take their vehicles home? 43 people responded.

- 21 people, or 49 percent, said, "Yes, it is a sure way to save taxpayers money."
- No one said, "Yes, it is a sure way to reduce energy costs."
- 10 people, or 23 percent, said, "Yes, there are plenty of employees of the town who do not need their vehicle overnight."
- 1 person, or 2 percent, said, "Yes, for another reason."
- 7 people, or 16 percent, said, "No, town workers need them to respond to residents' needs at all hours."
- No one or 0 percent, said, "No, more employees should be offered this perk."
- 2 people, or 5 percent, said, "No, a car is an incentive that attracts qualified candidates to Andover."
- 2 people, or 5 percent, said, "No, for another reason."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **How do you think Andover town vehicles should be marked?**

- A permanent town seal on the door.
- A removable town seal on the door.
- Permanent "Town of Andover" lettering.
- Permanent "Town of Andover" lettering and a town seal.
- A sticker placed in the window of the vehicle.
- The cars shouldn't be marked.
- Whatever is least expensive; the car costs enough.
- Government plates only.
- Other.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.



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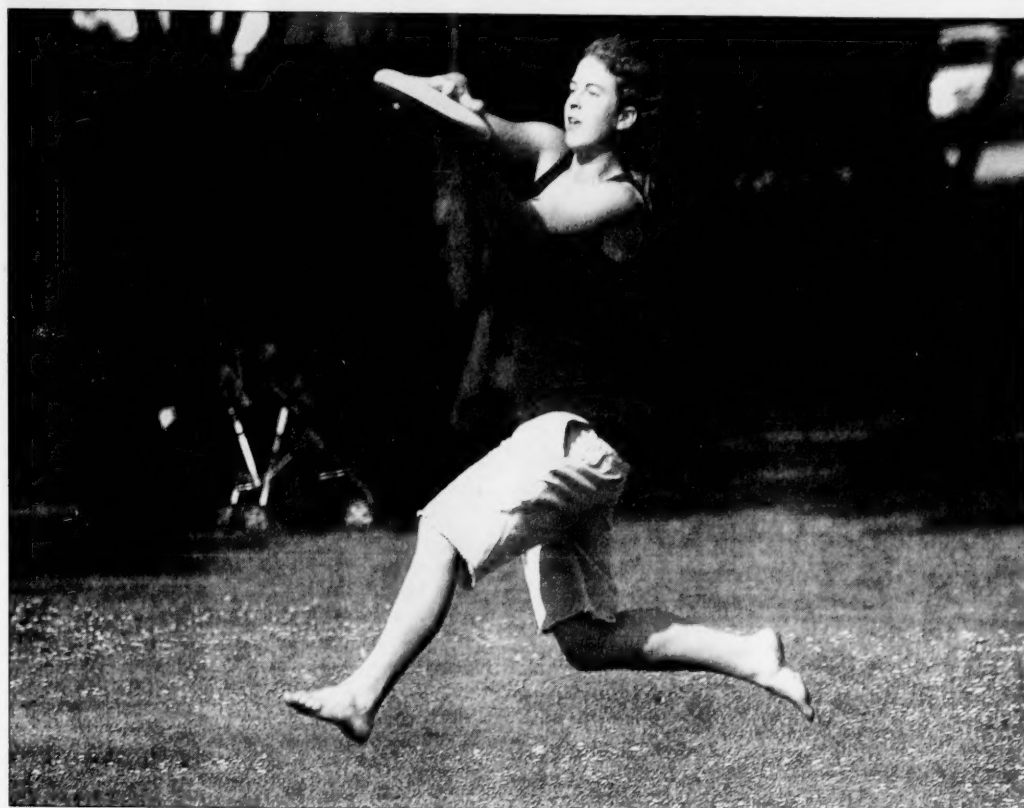
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... AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY



Rachael Westgate, 16, jumps to catch a flying disc in the Park.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

STATEHOUSE VOTE

Giving elders a choice in care

Editor, *Townsman*:

Senior citizens and the disabled who qualify for long-term care services under the MassHealth program will have an "equal choice" of care at home, or care in a nursing home, under new, hard fought legislation adopted unanimously last week by the Massachusetts House and Senate. And we couldn't be more pleased and proud of state Rep. Barbara L'Italien and Sen. Susan Tucker who lead the good fight.

S. 2273, the Equal Choice bill, modernizes the MassHealth program from one which has historically favored institutional care to one which focuses on individual choice and the care needed "in the least restrictive setting appropriate."

The equal choice bill also establishes a "pre-admission counseling" program for people who are referred to a nursing home, to ensure that they are aware of community alternatives. Everyone about to enter a nursing home – regardless of whether they are privately paying, or seeking MassHealth support – will have the opportunity to explore options with a knowledgeable nurse or elder-care advisor.

According to the Romney Administration, the equal choice bill will save state taxpayers \$134 million in the first five years after implementation. Several recent studies of the state's long-term care system have noted the Commonwealth's over-reliance on institutional care. Today, approximately 75 percent of the MassHealth funding for long-term care goes to nursing homes and now we can hope to balance the equation by offering some real choice to elders, family caregivers and adults with disabilities. It's a win-win.

The board and staff of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley fought hard for this bill along with disability advocates such as Northeast Independent Living Program because we share this important mission of offering real choice to elders and adults with disability. For the first time in 40 years, we set a clear mission for more than \$2 billion in state spending.

We appreciate the work of all legislators who helped us and especially Tucker, chairwoman of the committee on Elder Affairs who sponsored the bill and L'Italien who was our champion on the House side.

Rosanne DiStefano
Director, Elder Services
of the Merrimack Valley

LWV: State must address cabana, protect wetlands

Editor, *Townsman*:

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has a strong position in support of environmental protection and sustainability. In light of this position, at our recent Town Meeting we strongly opposed a private article that would have rescinded the Andover Wetlands Protection Bylaw, which has been an effective local planning tool since 1999. Like most nearby towns, Andover is nearly built out; prime parcels are scarce, and land that was previously unbuildable due to septic unsuitability is now developable because of town sewer extensions to large areas. The increase in impermeable surfaces continues, and runoff patterns are shifting as new areas are developed.

In this year's extreme rainstorms, Andover sustained a great deal of damage due to flooding. In many parts of town, this consisted of flooded basements and yards; in others, buildings were damaged and some remain uninhabitable. Local roads were damaged as well, disrupting travel for several weeks. Our experience is not unique, but it speaks loudly to the need to protect our existing wetlands and to consider runoff and drainage impacts as local development continues and severe storms become more frequent. On many parcels, large additions to existing buildings are proposed, and the popularity of adding in-ground swimming pools continues. Both of these types of construction exacerbate drainage issues. Andover's Conservation Commission does an excellent job of reviewing proposed projects under the Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and in most cases, homeowners are able to proceed with

acceptable projects.

The League of Women Voters is watching the current situation at 3 Hazelwood Circle with some concern, as it appears to be a case where the wetlands in question have not been adequately protected due to a combination of factors that the state Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing. We ask that DEP consider the precedent that this situation will create before determining what remedies to require. There are countless projects around town, both approved and envisioned, that will continue to cause incremental loss of wetlands. When a developer or homeowner works with the Conservation Commission, as required, these losses can be minimized and managed; when they do not, the town has little recourse. In the latter situations, the Commonwealth must step in to enforce the laws for the public good, with meaningful penalties. Otherwise, project proponents learn that the laws are irrelevant, and those who have spent time and money to comply with the law feel they have been treated unfairly.

The LWV requests that DEP's decision in this case be a clear message that wetlands regulations protect the environment and the public interest and are not to be flouted.

Stefani Traina Goldsheim
6 Roulston Circle

President, LWV of Andover/North Andover

Amy Janovsky
6 Snowberry Road
Chairwoman, LWV Sustainability
and Natural Resources Committee

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The paper reserves the right

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Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to

Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com, and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments.

As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

CARL JUNG

Strive for excellence, not perfection.

H. JACKSON BROWN JR.

You're never going to be faulted for making a mistake as long as you work hard and as long as you show desire and motivation.

LINDA McNABB

It is better to have a strategy that is 70 percent good and stick with it than one which tries to be 90 percent good but it changes all the time.

BERTRAND COLLOMB,
CHAIRMAN OF LAFARGE

The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught.

MARQUIS DE VAUVENARGUES

The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.

THOMAS SZASZ

Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.

AFRICAN PROVERB

There's nobody in the world like me. I think every decade has an iconic blonde – like Marilyn Monroe or Princess Diana – and right now, I'm that icon.

PARIS HILTON, INTERVIEW
WITH THE UK'S *SUNDAY TIMES*

Not talking about problems doesn't make them go away.

JOHN MELLENCAMP

Whenever I dwell for any length of time on my own shortcomings, they gradually begin to seem mild, harmless, rather engaging little things, not at all like the glaring defects in other people's characters.

MARGARET HALSEY

Friendship's a noble name, 'tis love refined.

SUSANNAH CENTLIVRE,
THE STOLEN HEIRESS (1703)

About 'Thursday File'

This file can be found online, and contains quotations such as the ones on this page.

OBITUARIES

Paul McCarthy

State Police captain

Paul McCarthy, 44, of Andover died Sunday, July 30.

He was born and raised in Malden and was a graduate of Pope John XXIII High School, Everett.

He lived in Andover for the past 10 years.

Capt. McCarthy was assigned to Troop H, Massachusetts State Police. He was a former member of the Metropolitan Police Department.

He attended St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Family members include his wife, Janice A. (Busteed) McCarthy of Andover; two sons, Paul R. McCarthy and Christopher J. McCarthy; a daughter, Shannon McCarthy, all of Andover; his mother, Laurie Ruth (Likely) McCarthy of Malden; two brothers, John McCarthy of Londonderry, N.H., and Thomas McCarthy of Stoneham; two sisters, Laurie McCarthy and Joanne McCarthy, both of Malden; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was the son of the late retired Malden Police Sgt. John McCarthy.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2 in St. Augustine Church, Andover, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, Aug. 3 in St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Burial will be in Forest Dale Cemetery, Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McCarthy children, c/o TD Banknorth, 61 Main St., Andover, 01810.

without his little dog, Phoebe," his family said.

Members of his family include his wife, Claire (McComiskey) Stone Belisle of Andover; two sons, Donald W. Belisle and his wife Christine K. of Litchfield, N.H., and Richard W. Belisle and his wife Kathy of Winslow, Maine; one daughter, Nancy Tozier and her husband Joel of Waterville, Maine; four stepchildren, Peter J. Stone and his wife Cheryl of North Andover, David J. Stone of Methuen, Nancy P. Hudson, also of Methuen, and Patricia M. Wilkinson and her husband James of Andover; three sisters, Grace Lannan and her husband Joseph of Fort Myers, Fla., Muriel Wilfert of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Shirley Barron of Tamworth, N.H.; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also the husband of the late Joan M. Belisle; and brother of the late Doris Morency.

Memorial contributions can be made to MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844; or to Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley, 167 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, North Andover.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Ed Washburn

Lifelong career in the ship industry

Ed Washburn of Andover died Tuesday, July 25, at home surrounded by his family, after a short illness.

He was born in Boston on Oct. 12, 1924 and earned his degree as a naval architect and marine engineer at MIT in 1945.

He served as a lieutenant in the US Navy in World War II and Korea.

He retired after 48 years in the marine trades.

His expert analytical talents were called upon throughout his career at major shipyards around the world.

His interests in fine woodworking, boating and other projects were inspirational, his family said.

A reputation to "fix just about anything" enhanced his neighborly personality.

He was treasured as a key community volunteer at Sunrise Cove in Branford, Conn. His consistent efforts to help finish projects resulted in a well-earned reputation for dependability and resourcefulness.

His most recent focus on a floating raft project was very dear to his heart.

Family members said his devotion as a husband, father and grandfather set a wonderful example and leaves a legacy for future emulation by his grandchildren.

Members of his family include his wife of 33 years, Carlene P. Washburn; sons, Bruce Washburn and his wife

Joan (McCabe), Peter Washburn and his wife Sue, and Gregg Kritzer and his wife Deborah; daughters, Joan DeWitt and husband Randy, Debbie Link and husband Larry, Alison Brennan and husband Tom, and Barbara Infantolino and husband Michael; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Sunrise Cove Association Raft Project, c/o Elizabeth Warner, 195 Edwards Road, Cheshire, CT 06410; or to the charity of one's choice.

Barbara Sharrow

Was a member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club

Barbara Sharrow, 69, a resident of Orlando, Fla., died Thursday, July 27.



Barbara Sharrow

Mrs. Sharrow, the daughter of David and Helen Eisen, was raised in Magnolia and Medford.

She was a graduate of Boston University in 1959, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

She taught in the Medford Public Schools for three years, before retiring to family life.

She and her late husband, Arnold, lived in Andover for almost 30 years.

She was a stay-at-home mom with three sons: William, Michael, and David. Her family said she had a strong commitment to family values.

Mrs. Sharrow was a member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club.

She worked in the Andover and Lawrence public schools.

She was a member of Temple Emanuel in Lowell.

Members of her family include her sons, Michael Sharrow of Cambridge, and David Sharrow of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, who died in April 2003, she was preceded in death by her son William, who died in September 1996.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Friends may contact the family at the following e-mail address to be informed of arrangements for her memorial remembrance: careersnow05@yahoo.com.

Ann Gallo

Was a teacher's aide at Bancroft Elementary

Ann (Miliotes) Gallo, 80, of Orleans, and formerly of Andover, died peacefully at home on Saturday, July 29.

She was the daughter of the late Anastasia and George Miliotes of Haverhill and Greece.

Early in her professional career, Mrs. Gallo worked for Cogswell, Davis, and Soroka of

DEATHS

Walter Belisle, 77
Richard A. Britton, 51
Ann Gallo, 80
Paul McCarthy, 44
Alice I. Menard, 85
Barbara Sharrow, 69
Edwin D. Washburn, 81

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BRITTON - Richard Allen Britton, 51, of Manchester, N.H., died Sunday, July 23, at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Britton graduated from the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School in Andover in 1973.

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Haverhill, and then worked for many years as a teacher's aide at Bancroft Elementary School in Andover.

Later in life, she was co-owner of Mr. Dunderbak's restaurant of Sarasota, Fla. before retiring to Orleans.

Family members said she was a loving and vibrant woman who brought joy and humor to every occasion. She loved family gatherings and was able to see her entire extended family only two weeks ago at a reunion.

She will be greatly missed and always remembered for her boundless energy and love of life, they said.

Members of her family include her husband of 52 years, George Gallo of Orleans; two sons, Tony Gallo and his wife, Melissa, and Mark Gallo and his wife, Kathy; a daughter, Katina and her husband, Jerry Silberman; two brothers, Christos and Aristides Miliotes; and four grandchildren.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans.

A funeral service will be held today, Thursday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod, 270 Communication Way, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Alice I. Menard

Worked at Raytheon for 25 years

Alice I. (Cote) Menard, 85, of Andover, died Sunday, July 30, at Sutton Hill Center in North Andover.

She was the widow of John J. Menard.

She was born on June 12, 1921 in Berlin, N.H.

Mrs. Menard was employed at Raytheon for 25 years and was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Her family was very important to her, and her grandchildren brought her much joy. She was excitedly anticipating the

birth of her second great-granddaughter, her family said.

Members of her family include one daughter, Claire Spies and her husband, Craig, formerly of Andover, now of East Hampstead, N.H.; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Jeanette Michaud of Haverhill and Rita Bilodeau of Arlington, Wash.; brother-in-law, Henry LaFleur of Berlin, N.H.; sister-in-law, Nancy Cote of Haverhill; an aunt; and several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

She was also the sister of the late George Cote, Bertha LaFleur and Irene Cote.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Entombment will take place at St. Mary's ICC Mausoleum.

Arrangements are by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1906

Two Andover youths, of 15 and 10 years respectively, were arrested by the local police last Saturday night for hen thieving.

Lawrence Gas Co. announces a five percent reduction for local customers.

Christ Church will be closed for two Sundays to allow extensive repairs on the organ. It will be reopened for service the third Sunday in August.

Joseph T. Lovejoy lost his third cow from poisoning on Tuesday morning, two others having died last week. The cows became poisoned by eating dynamite, which was concealed beneath a boat in the owner's field. The boat was evidently overturned by the cows.

Mrs. Joseph Soutar of Somerville visited her mother on Sunday.

Alexander Ross of the Association Football team played with Lynn AC last Saturday. They defeated the Bostonians at Saugus by a score of 3 goals to 0.

The Christ Church choir boys left town Monday morning on the 9:04 train for their annual camping trip at Canobie Lake.

Dr. Bashford of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund laboratory of London reports notable progress from recent experiments on mice. He says he is now able to reproduce at will all the features of spontaneous cancer in mice, and to protect healthy mice from all consequences of inoculation with experimental cancer. Dr. Bash-

ford warns, however, that nothing but harm could come from leaping to rash conclusions as to the treatment of cancer in human beings. It was not yet even possible to arrest natural cancer occurring in mice.

Citizens of Chicago made the occasion of the last cable car's trip, July 22, one of rejoicing. It marked the end of 24 years of cable service on the State Street line and the beginning of the electric service. An excited crowd thronged the streets as the cable train moved slowly along, almost tearing cars to pieces in the effort to get souvenirs. Headlight, bell rope, curtains and everything that could be gotten loose was carried off.

75 Years Ago - 1931

Nine bathing suits, three sweaters, a child's sun suit, and first-aid material were stolen from the lifeguards' house at Pumps Pond last week.

The Shawsheen Trojans defeated the Lynn Braves by a score of 8 to 7, last Friday evening, July 31, despite the fact that the Lynn team had brought along a young lady to play at first base.

Three automobile accidents in one day, none of them serious, occurred last Saturday, Aug. 1, in various sections of the town.

Mrs. Davis, of Old County Road, has reported to the police that on Monday evening, when she returned home, she found her two pigs gone and the door to the pen closed. She went all

through the woods and could not find either of them. Finally, one of the porkies came back, curling his tail behind him, but she complains that she doesn't know where the other pig went. The police are at a loss what to do.

While underneath his truck attempting to fix the brakes, Sidney P. White, of Argilla Road, suffered severe injuries to his car and head and arm when the truck suddenly began to roll forward and a rear wheel pinned him to the ground so that he could not move.

Although no compass points adorn the new weathervane atop the recently constructed chapel at Phillips Academy, and many townspeople are remarking that this unusual condition is the result of an oversight, officials at the academy assured the *Townsmen* that the vane is as it should be.

Extensive laying of sidewalks in Andover and rebuilding of the River Road highway will take up most of the time of the board this month, it was decided last night by the Andover Board of Public Works at its monthly meeting at the Town House.

Knowlton Stone, son of Justice and Mrs. Colver J. Stone of Locke Street, a student at London University, is spending the summer months at the family home.

- Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Megan Richards

'A Day of Prayer' scheduled at Franciscan Center

The Franciscan Center presents "A Day of Prayer" on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Mary, the Mother of God."

The morning program will begin with the Rosary in St. Francis Chapel followed by two conferences. After lunch, there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The cost is \$35. The Franciscan Center is at 459 River Road. For more information, call 978-851-3391.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, Aug. 4

"Peter Pan," 7:30 p.m. presented by Summer Theatre Ensemble and the Department of Community Services at the Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, Andover. Tickets \$12.

Lowell Summer Music Series, 7:30 p.m. featuring Leon Russell at Boarding House Park, French and John streets, Lowell. Tickets \$15. 978-970-5200 or www.lowellsummermusic.org.

Saturday, Aug. 5

"Peter Pan," 2 p.m. presented by Summer Theatre Ensemble and the Department of Community Services at the Collins Center, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road. Tickets \$12.

Lowell Summer Music Series, 7:30 p.m. featuring Grace Potter and the Nocturnals at Boarding House Park, French and John streets, Lowell. Tickets \$15. 978-970-5200 or www.lowellsummermusic.org.

"Seance Nite," 8 p.m. at Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$22 at door if space is available. Call 978-521-1686.

Sunday, Aug. 6

"Peter Pan," 2 p.m. presented by Summer Theatre Ensemble and the Department of Community Services at the Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, Andover. Tickets \$12.

Georgetown Summer Concert Series, 5 p.m. featuring cover

band The Sofa Kings at Kiwanis Ice House Performing Art Pavilion, American Legion Park, Georgetown. Free, all welcome. Visit www.georgetownconcerts.com.

Monday, Aug. 7

Reading award ice cream party, 1:30 p.m. at Langley-Adams Library, Groveland. Reading awards will be given to qualifying summer reading participants. Butterflies will also be released. Call 978-372-1732.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

The Langley-Adams library Kids' book club meeting, 3 p.m. in Groveland. Open to children ages 6 and up. "Freckle Juice" by Judy Blume. Call 978-372-1732.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Story telling show and picnic dinner, "Big Ryan's Tall Tales," 5:30 p.m. at Langley-Adams Library, Groveland. Free family event open to all ages. Participants are welcome to bring their own picnic dinner to dine out in the library common area.

Summer Concert Series, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring a capella music with Peking & The Mystics at the Park, Andover. Bring picnic supper, chairs or blankets. Sponsored by Andover Department of Community Services.

Organ recital by Massimo Noset-

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Meeting 'Mr. Las Vegas'

Wayniacs' expectations are surpassed

By Rosemary Ford
and Alison McGonagle

Gretchen Harb, of Lovejoy Road, had always wanted to see Wayne Newton. On Monday, she received a kiss from him.

Harb was one of 2,000 people who heard the crooning legend sing his signature song *Danke Schoen*, and plenty more, on Monday night in Sal's Riverwalk parking lot in Lawrence.

"Who is bigger than Wayne Newton?" asked Sal Lupoli, the exuberant owner of Sal's. "How lucky are we? We didn't have to go to Las Vegas. He came to Lawrence."

Mr. Las Vegas, used to playing the Flamingo Hilton on the Strip, instead crooned along a strip of the Merrimack River in a benefit concert for Dr. Rene Thomas' Adopt-A-Patient Foundation. Thomas, who is a friend of the singer, asked him to come to Lawrence for the benefit.

Newton opened his show with a few remarks from Thomas about her foundation, a multifunctional organization which sees to the health and well-being of local youth. She said 100 percent of the evening's proceeds would go to helping children.

Harb had not planned to go to the show originally. But when her sister called and asked if she wanted to go with her, she said yes, having no idea she'd wind up meeting Newton himself.

"I went with no expectations, but my expectations were superseded," said Harb. "He is an amazing entertainer. You can tell he's a very giving soul. It really came through. A celebrity of his stature that comes all the way to Lawrence — that says something about him as a human being."

"We were able to go backstage," Harb said. "I even got a kiss from him!"

Newton posed for a photograph with



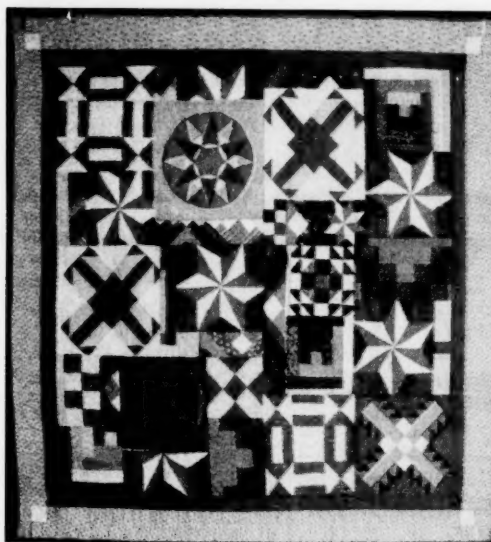
Mary Beth Finn of Andover laughs as Las Vegas legend Wayne Newton references an album cover from when he was a youngster.

Harb, giving her a chance to speak with him.

"I said, 'I just want to say that it is so great that you give back. You are a real role model for others.' I think when people are of that celebrity and they give back it says

something to other people. When you look up to a person, you say, 'He's doing this, maybe I can do something like that in a smaller way.' They have a real responsibility and he really answers that call. He does

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2006 LOWELL QUILT FESTIVAL

A Citywide Celebration of Quilts, Aug. 3-6

WHEN: Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: The New England Quilt Museum, Tsongas Arena, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Brush Art Gallery, American Textile History Museum, Whistler Museum of Art, Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, Western Avenue Studios, Lowell Fiber Studio, COOL gallery, 119 Gallery and downtown business windows. About 9 Andover people are in the show.

TICKETS: \$10, available at New England Quilt Museum.

For more information, see page 11. Check out www.lowellquiltfestival.org.

At left: "Dutch Sampler" 1996, designed and pieced by Paul D. Pilgrim, quilted by Toni Fisher; courtesy of the Museum of the American Quilters Society, Paducah, Ky. This image is part of *Blending the Old and the New*, the exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum; part of the 2006 Lowell Quilt Festival: A Citywide Celebration of Quilts, Aug. 3-6. At right: "Coco Crisp" 2006, by Rosemary Bawn of Stow, Mass.; part of the Miniature Quilt Auction at the New England Quilt Museum, Lowell.



Presented by the Summer Theatre Ensemble performing arts program

Peter Pan brings magic to Collins Center

SUMMER THEATRE ENSEMBLE, a performing arts program in its eighth season, sponsored by the Department of Community Services, will present *Peter Pan* beginning tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and this weekend, Aug. 5 and 6 at 2 p.m. at the Collins Center, Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road.

Tickets (\$12) are available at the Learning Express, Department of Community Services, from cast members, and at the door.

The production brings the added excitement and magic of flying. "Flying By Foy" has provided theatrical flying effects for thousands of stage productions, film, and television shows worldwide. The company has "flown" three Broadway productions of *Peter Pan* (with Mary Martin in 1954, Sandy Duncan in 1979, and Cathy Rigby in 1990). Their flying expertise now comes to the Collins Center and according to one of the lucky fliers, Conor Richardson, who plays John (pictured above, right), "Flying is wicked fun!"

The cast of 27 range from 11 to 15 years old, an age group that particularly relates to Peter's reluctance to grow up. Performing in the play has given them daily opportunities to stretch their imaginations. Though written in 1904, James Barry's tale of Neverland with the fun and joy of youth is one which, in the words of cast

member Brian Mason, "Still holds true — we all want to remain youthful, no matter how old you are."

Eileen Rogosin, artistic director, comes to the ensemble with impressive credentials and a wide range of experience in the performing arts. Beginning as one of the original Mouseketeers, Rogosin founded the Seacoast Repertory Theatre in Portsmouth with her husband, Roy, a writer/composer/producer, and has currently written the musical score for *Field of Dreams*. She was casting director for the Ogunquit Playhouse, director of its children's theater, and a talent agent in Hollywood for both adults and children. She has appeared in several Broadway shows, movies, and with the New York Ballet. Commuting from her home in Maine each day is not a chore, Rogosin said.

"This opportunity reminds me of when I was a Mouseketeer and was being taught routines and putting on shows. I had so many great experiences with many talented individuals, including Walt Disney, and I enjoy passing on what I've learned to future generations. I love teaching young adults to appreciate live theater as much as I do, including discipline, responsibility, and ensemble work," Rogosin said.



Above, Katie LaMark plays Peter Pan, while David Keohane is Captain Hook. Above left are Areille Rawding as Wendy, Patrick McGinn as Michael, and Conor Richardson as John.

For its cast members, STE is more than putting up a play; it is a total growing experience, both artistically and personally.

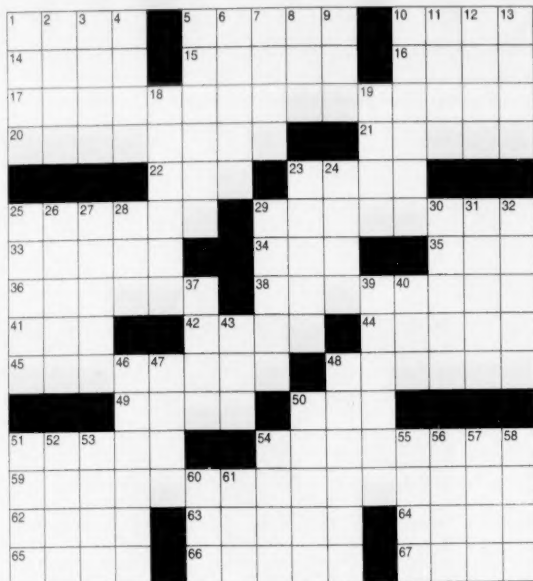
Mallory Curtin joined because she loves performing and found it to be "more professional than she expected" and helping her to learn about her current career choice. Younger cast member, 11-year-old Morgan Goldstein finds that she can learn from more seasoned castmates, and "they are always willing to help you out."

The ensemble philosophy permeates, beginning with the choice of the production. Each actor has a meaningful role and each is dependent upon the other. The atmosphere is supportive, both on and off stage, making the experience as much fun for the cast as it is for their audiences.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Chinese cabbage
- Ringworm
- Expectorate
- Article of clothing, pl.
- Hydroxyls + 2C
- German car
- Agatha Christie mystery, with "A"
- Expurgings
- Sweeps
- European fish
- Hang glide
- Humiliated
- Times of day
- Laid-back California county
- Lyric poem
- Rotating disk
- Rubber or pencil
- Womaniser
- Horny projecting jaws of a bird
- Abba _____, Israeli politician
- Fire iron
- Provençal verses
- Most unpleasant
- Shackle
- Irritate
- National capital of Ghana
- Unshod
- Western drink
- Surrounded by
- Pillars
- Subject
- Sheaf
- Fightings



67. Tyrant

CLUES DOWN

- Rear
- Miri
- Gnawing animal
- Requests
- IV
- Conclude
- Mind (Greek)
- Measuring unit
- Sign language
- Hunting expedition
- Indian seaport
- Romantic interlude
- Drawstrings

- O'Neill, playwright
- Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- Geographic region
- Digits
- After prayers
- Pressure unit
- Saddle horses
- Female sibling
- Soul and calypso songs
- Garget
- Overhang
- Forward
- Gambling town
- Final climactic stage
- Neither
- Order
- Denunciation
- Asian country
- Flows
- Unoriginal
- Mount
- Molding
- Overlay with wood
- Morsel
- Community
- Paddles
- Shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- Hurry
- Father
- Wildebeast

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ti of Turin, Italy, 8 p.m. at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 978-686-2323.

Sunday, Aug. 13

Concert on the Lawn, with music by Dave Kaplan's band, 2 to 4 p.m. at Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill. Admission is free. Bring chairs, blankets, parasols and a picnic. Refreshments are available. Donations are welcome. Call 978-521-1686.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Community Action Inc. 2006 Golf Classic Tournament, at Crystal Springs Golf course, 940 N. Broadway, Haverhill. Registration at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and a luncheon at 1 p.m. Cost is \$125 per person. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and refreshments. Singles, twosomes, threesomes and foursomes are welcome regardless of ability. Call Marge Hooper at 978-373-1971.

Boston Museum of Science travel program, at Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, with its

Night Sky planetarium for children ages 7 and older. Includes half hour of space exploration. Learn which stars, planets, and constellations are visible in the current season; how to find them; and how scientists study distant wonders in space. Wear sneakers. Time slots are 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Arrive five minutes early. Cost \$7. Call 978-623-8274.

Summer Concert Series, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring Quintessential Brass at the Park in Andover. Bring picnic supper, chairs or blankets. Sponsored by Andover Department of Community Services.

Ongoing

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Drum and Dance Circle, meets fourth Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 978-893-0959.

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Men's woodcarving group, meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

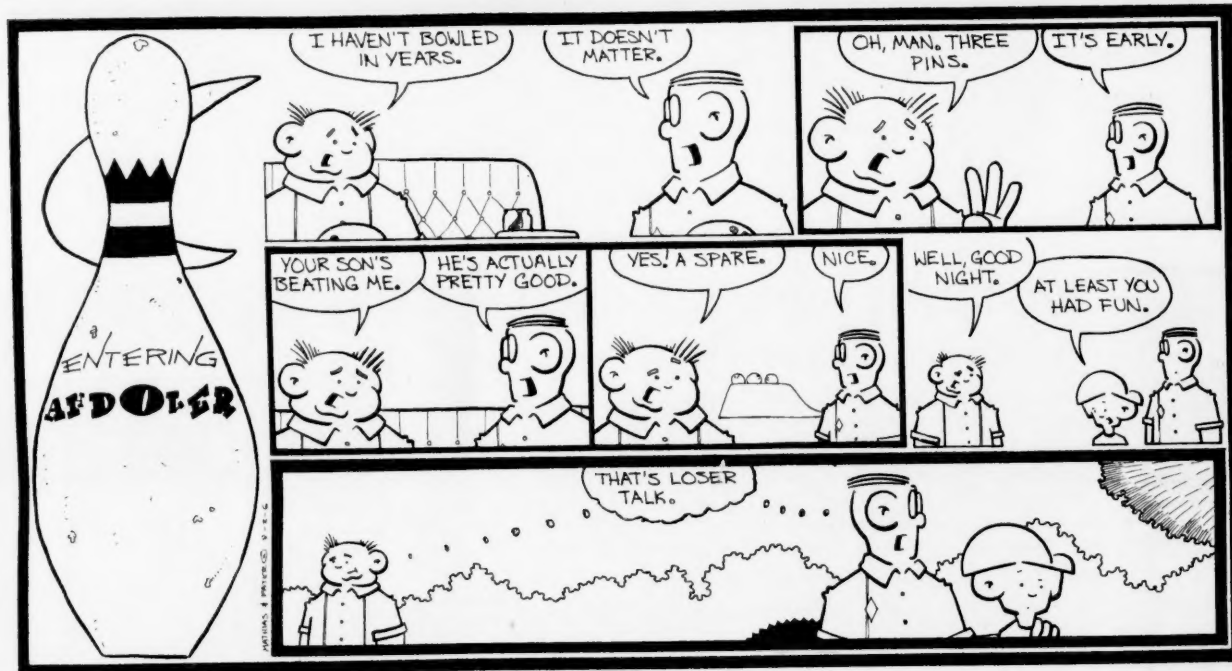
Merrimack Valley Camera rehearses every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council

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Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Methuen Community Band, rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. All new residents of Andover and North Andover are welcome. Call Jenn at 978-685-2000 or Peggy at 978-475-3933.

North Parish Quilters, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading. Call Susan Reichter at 978-475-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Forest Street Church in Methuen. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwine.com.

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St., Andover. Call Ralph Galen at 978-475-4454.

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thurs-

day, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shaw-sheen Elementary School, Shaw-sheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

Stompers Country Line Dance Production holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

Taizé Evening Meditation services every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the West Parish Garden Chapel, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Inspired by the international ecumenical monastic community of Taizé, France. Service lasts approximately 35 minutes.

Toastmasters International meets second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Haverhill Public Library. Improve your public speaking skills. All welcome. www.friendlypersuasion.org.

Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover. 978-682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

Worth Checking Out

ART

BRAVOS ARTS. Gallery will feature oils, acrylics, mixed media, watercolors and sculptures through the summer. Hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1 E. Main St., Georgetown. Visit www.bravosartsgallery.com.

BRUSH GALLERY AND STUDIOS. Features "Art Quilts: New England/New York 2006," a juried quilt exhibit, through Oct. 29. Quilt workshop Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; opening reception, 4 to 6 p.m. 256 Market St., Lowell. 978-459-7819.

DANVERS ART. Art association features paintings, handmade jewelry and fine crafts by local

artists. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 105 Elliott St., Danvers. 978-777-8501.

ERLICH GALLERY. Features "Marine, Land, and Other Visions: Group Show," a collection of works in various media by regional and national artists. Saturday, Aug. 5 through August. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 96 Washington St., Marblehead. 781-631-1202.

ESSEX ART. Art center's Elizabeth Beland Gallery presents "The Birds, the Bea, Synchronicity and Me," an installation of woodcut prints, wire, ink drawings, and words by Annie Silverman in tribute to her friend, Bea Howard; main gallery will feature "Artists at Play: Saltmarsh Collaborative," a collection by eight local artists. Exhibits run through Aug. 18. Hours: Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. 56 Island St.,

Lawrence. 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

GALLERY 181. Features "Large Works/Small Works," a collection of contrasting installations by 29 local artists, through Aug. 10. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 181 Canal St., Lawrence. 978-741-7979.

GORDON COLLEGE. Barrington Gallery will feature "The Next Generation: Contemporary Expressions of Faith," a collection of Judeo-Christian art by 27 artists, through Oct. 14. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham. 978-927-2300.

JOPPA FLATS. The Joppa Flats Education Center will feature wood carvings and other sculptures by Newburyport artist Richard Colburn through Sept. 10. Juliet Kellogg French Room. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. 978-462-9998.

QUILTER'S PARADISE:
WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEKEND IN LOWELL

Tsongas Arena: Images 2006, juried exhibition

300 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

What's there: Dramatic portrait quilts and artists revisited by Marilyn Bedford; Unique traditional and art quilts by Suzanne Knapp; Art bras; "Open Hearts: Helping Hands for Hurricane Katrina Victims" curated by Laura Cater-Woods; Community student quilts.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium: Variations On A Theme

50 East Merrimack St.

What's there: Antique exhibit curated by Gerald E. Roy; Workshops, vendors and appraisals; Gallery talks daily at 1:30 p.m.

The New England Quilt Museum: Quilts by Paul D. Pilgrim

18 Shattuck St.

What's there: Contemporary quilts made from antique "orphaned" quilt blocks that Pilgrim collected over his career.

American Textile History Museum: Quilt National '05

491 Dutton St.

What's there: International juried competition of contemporary art quilts; Gallery Walk with ATHM Senior Research Associate Diane Fagan Affleck of Andover Saturday at 10 a.m.

Whistler House Museum of Art: Art Quilts At The Whistler III

243 Worthen St.

What's there: Juried exhibition of art quilts.

The Brush Art Gallery: Art Quilts: New England, New York

256 Market St.

What's there: Juried exhibition; Quilt Workshop with Esterita Austin Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friends Fabric Art: Art Walk, Showcasing Art Quilts

177 Merrimack St.

What's there: Starting at Friends and walk up and down Merrimack Street too see small art quilts created in response to Hurricane Katrina. Various Downtown Lowell businesses.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery: Small Works II

172 Middle St.

What's there: International juried exhibit of small fiber works. Hours: Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

Western Avenue Studios: QuiltArt at 10: A Retrospective of Ten Years of Challenges

122 Western Ave.

What's there: Reception Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hours: Thursday-Sunday 12 noon-5 p.m.

Lowell Fiber Studio: Quilts Beautiful from Minds Profound

122 Western Ave.

What's there: Reception Saturday August 5, 5-7 p.m. Exhibit by eight artists and their interpretations of eight different quotes. Hours: Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

COOL Gallery: Stories From Everyday Objects

338 Market St.

What's there: Textile exhibit by Ann & Sonya Lee opening today.

119 Gallery: The Digital Atelier: New Horizons in Printmaking

119 Chelmsford St.

What's there: Reception and book-signing Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

Arts League Of Lowell Gallery: Exploring Fiber Arts: Arts League of Lowell Members Turn To Fiber

67 Middle St.

What's there: Fiber show, hours Thursday-Saturday noon - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

Van Gogh's Gear: The Postcard Show

200 Middle St.

What's there: Souvenirs of Lowell in fiber and other media, a fundraiser to benefit the Arts League of Lowell.

Venues open festival hours unless noted.

—Compiled by Rosemary Ford



Wayne Newton leans in to kiss Kathleen DeLuca of Andover during his performance at Sal's Riverwalk Monday night in Lawrence. The renowned crooner performed at the benefit concert to help raise funds for the Adopt-A-Patient Foundation.

Wayniacs entertained

■ WAYNE NEWTON

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so much for the USO," said Harb.

Newton started his set with *Viva Las Vegas*, adding a kick and some pelvic thrusts worthy of Elvis Presley. From his first few notes, audience members (about two-thirds of them female) started creeping close to the stage with their cameras. Newton segued into *St. Louis Blues* and later the popular *Mack the Knife*.

Newton covered The Beatles' *Yesterday*, walking into the crowd and grasping the album covers sporting his youthful face. One showed a slightly blond Newton: "This is before my hair turned black," quipped the pompadoured performer. He and his orchestra even took a stab at the Oscar-winning rap song *It's Hard Out There for a Pimp*, in an operatic pitch.

The crowd held out, and eventually heard the song they wanted: *Danke Schoen*.

"It couldn't have done any better," said Newton after the show. "It's a night I will remember for a long, long time."

In all, Newton earned four standing ovations, with the audience heading to their feet for songs from his three backup singers as well. The evening

ended musically with a patriotic tribute. Newton and his daughter belted out *America the Beautiful* for the crowd and for locals serving in the war.

Later, Thomas, Lupoli and Newton auctioned 12 signed posters and two towels for thousands more to benefit Adopt-A-Patient.

The parking lot contained people from across the street and across the country.

Some were full-fledged Wayniacs, having seen a Newton performance more than 100 times.

"I am a Wayniac," proclaimed Pat Gonnella of New Jersey, proudly sporting a bracelet with multiple Newton mugs. "I can tell you, verbatim, what he is going to say before he says it and the tune he is going to do before he does it."

Other listeners were milder fans, but still wild about Wayne.

"We tried to get into his show in Las Vegas and we couldn't get tickets," said Bobby Drew of Andover, sitting in the front row for the show. "It was just absolutely awesome."

"I just love his attitude; he's funny," said 16-year-old Nate Adames of Lawrence, one of the Greater Lawrence Vocational students volunteering at the show. "He's pretty cool."

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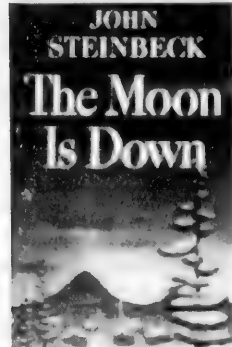
BOOK REVIEW

The Moon Is Down

BY JOHN STEINBECK
Reviewed by James Caron

This work of historical fiction shows the importance of hope and resistance in the face of oppression.

THE MOON IS DOWN by John Steinbeck is the story of a small Norwegian town whose residents are betrayed by one of its members, a Nazi spy. It is an exposé examining the effects of German occupation on both the occupiers and the occupied during World War II.



The occupiers put the townspeople to work mining the town's rich supply of natural resources, which Germany needs to continue its war efforts. However, the Germans are surprised by the townspeople's resistance to the Nazi cause, which the occupying soldiers accept unequivocally.

The townspeople persist with quiet mind games and minuscule acts

of rebellion, which work to raise their own morale and slowly shatter the nerves of their occupiers.

The fate of the town is in the hands of the few villagers who slowly but surely grasp it back from the occupiers. This novel is an excellent example of a book that was written to reflect then-current events.

Now, more than 60 years later, the book has become a compelling piece of historical fiction. Its themes and underlying message can be applied to modern events.

The ultimate message is one of peace and the power of community and ingenuity over bureaucracy.

I recommend this book to any reader interested in the ties of history to current affairs. Globally, the theme of occupying forces is still very much in the news today, and much of the behavior conforms to the guidelines set forth in this book.

I give this book a 9 out of 10 rating. Steinbeck is an excellent author known best for his earthshaking novel *The Grapes of Wrath*. However, *The Moon Is Down* should not be underestimated. It conveys its message in a quiet, understated manner that leaves the reader believing that he or she has come to the intended conclusion of his or her own, and is written in language that everyone can understand.

That conclusion however, is one the reader must find on his or her own. So get down to your bookstore and pick up a copy of John Steinbeck's *The Moon Is Down* today.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

HyunSeo Kim of Andover and Seoul, South Korea, graduated from Concord Academy in Concord, Mass. in May at the school's 83rd commencement.

Kim is the grandniece of Myong Jung of Andover.

While at Concord Academy, Kim co-headed the International Student Organization and was a columnist for the school newspaper, *The Centipede*.

She was also involved in the Asian Student Association and the CA Orchestra.

The daughter of Hyo-Soo Kim and Jae-Hee Chung of Seoul, Kim plans to tutor English, attend cooking classes, and travel to Rome before attending Brandeis University in the fall.

Andover resident **Jacquelyn Mickle** is a member of the graduating class at Presentation of Mary Academy.

Two Austin Preparatory School seniors from Andover – **Patrick Burke** and **Nicole Dudley** – led the spring track team as captains this season. The boys track team finished the season undefeated this year, capturing first place in the Catholic Central League.

The following students from Andover were named to the high honor roll or honor roll for the second semester at the Governor's Academy (formerly Governor Dummer Academy) in Byfield, a preparatory school for grades 9 through 12.

Named to the high honor roll were Andover residents

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The former Christian Formation Center, also known as the Franciscan Center, at 459 River Road, will soon have construction equipment on the site. It will become the new home of Melmark, a school for autistic children. The site is scheduled to be ready in late fall.

Melmark preparing site for school

Students' families excited by permanent campus; officials optimistic about move, hope to connect to sewer line on property

By Brian Davidson

CONSTRUCTION TO TRANSFORM the former Christian Formation Center at 459 River Road into a school for autistic children will begin this week, school officials say.

Town officials granted Melmark New England a building permit on the condition that it install a septic tank. Melmark officials originally had hoped to connect to a sewer line that runs through the property – and they still hope to connect some day, they say.

"When I think about a school of that size on a septic system, it doesn't make sense when a sewer line runs right through it," said Rita Gardner, Melmark's executive director. "Our goal is to someday be on the sewer, with the town's support for that."

Despite being disappointed by their inability to connect to sewer lines, Melmark officials are optimistic about moving into Andover.

"Our staff and the families that we serve are very excited that we're going to have such a beautiful site in such a great location," said Peter Troy, COO of Melmark.

Gardner said the River Road site will be a huge upgrade from Melmark's current location at an office park in Woburn, where there is no outside area for the kids to play.

"We really needed a more permanent campus," she said.

The new building will be 50,000 square feet, and will allow the school to admit 30 more autistic children, increasing its enrollment to 108 students.

"We have over 300 kids on our waiting list who are desperately in need of our services," said Gardner. "So anything we can do to get this done as quickly as possible, we will."

Andover's 2004 Town Meeting gave selectmen authority to enter into an intermunicipal sewer agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury to allow development at 459 River Road.

But selectmen believe voters wanted to limit development in the area and insisted that two restrictions be placed affecting the existing Christian Formation Center, and a proposed 10-lot affordable housing subdivision that Ed Doherty, a Tewksbury developer, plans to build next door.

Selectmen pushed to restrict the amount of water each development could use. They also sought a property deed restriction. The sewer agreement stalled when the Franciscan group that owned the formation center and owns additional land refused to allow a deed restriction on its property.

Melmark argued that the deed restriction applied only to the formation center property, because only the center existed during the Town Meeting vote.

Selectmen ruled that Melmark could either install a septic system or call a Special Town Meeting to vote on bringing sewer to only the Christian Formation Center and the 10-lot subdivision.

Neither option appealed to Melmark, and the effort to buy the land and bring the school to town almost fell apart.

However, when Sen. Susan Tucker (D-Andover) secured \$350,000 in tax money for the school, school officials decided to purchase the land in April and install a septic system.

Gardner said the new Melmark school on River Road should be ready in late fall.

ANDOVER DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Joan Duff (at right), newly inducted president of Andover Dollars for Scholars, recently awarded former president Diane Hender a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the officers and directors for her devoted years of service to the organization. Andover Dollars for Scholars awards scholarships annually to worthy students who are pursuing post-secondary education. Any Andover resident who has been accepted as a full-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college and intends to pursue a first undergraduate degree is eligible for consideration. Andover Dollars for Scholars awarded more than \$42,000 in scholarships in June to Andover students for the 2006-07 academic year.



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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Students at Pike named to the spring honor roll

Pike School has named the following students to the honor roll for the spring term:

High honors

GRADE 9

Will Abisalih
Liza Brecher
Carolyn Calabrese
Alex Cope
Nick Poland
Anaise Saab

GRADE 8

Lara Bhailwala
Shane Bouchard
Rainer Croset
David J. Dieck
Zainab Doctor
Hilary Evans

Julie Helmers
Katie Koppel
Ryan McKinnon
Mari Miyachi
Carly Rauh
Gregory Serrao
Eric Sirakian
Emma Sundberg
Julie Xie
John Yang-Sammataro

GRADE 7

Eve Bishop
Andrés Burbank-Crump
Zander Buttress
Elizabeth Carolo
Sarah Crockett
Jared Curtis
Nate Elkin
Hadley Green
Claire Harmange
Carolyn Harmeling
Grace Hoyt

David Janovsky
Elizabeth Kelly
Patrick McGrath
John Moltz
Josephine Moon
Kevin Neville
Sarah Onorato
Stephen Sarno
Turner Shaw
Alice Tao
Michael Taylor
Summer Washburn
Emma Zanazzi

GRADE 6

Emre Anamur
Lydia Azaret
Nikhil Dixit
Fay Feghali
John French
Amanda Gimbel
Merritt Harlan
Cécile Harmange

Emily Jaekie
Max McGillivray
Jason Nawrocki
Sidney Ng
Jane Petty
Alana Saab
Sara Teplov
Keli Yang-Sammataro
Lindsey Zucchini

Honors

GRADE 9

Phillip Picardi
Ellen Rullo

GRADE 8

Taylor Angles
Anne Amzen
Kaitlyn Barnett
Talene Bilazarian
Calvin Chao
Sarah Clarkson

Kelly Comoli
Shannon Comoli
Benjamin Coman
Kyle Doherty
Meredith Farahmand
Mary French
Christine Goglia
Alice Grant
Hilary Greene
Frances Hamilton
Tennyson Hunt
Stone Lauderdale
Alexander Letwin
Michael Levenson
Cecchi MacNaughton
Marina Moschitto
Morgan Pearce
Cameron Poole
Vinay Rajur
Sarah Reilly
Alexa Sarmanian
Jacob Shack
Sahil Singhal

Naomi Smith
Liam White
James Yuschik

GRADE 7

Catherine Anderson
Jose Bedoya
Ara Bilazarian
Jordan Brooks
Erin Cahill
Rebecca Cordero
Karl Daum
Nathaniel Feuerstein
Alex Gacek
Avery Galloway
Jack Hartigan
Emma Healey
Sam Karlinski
Julie Kutchin
Tebogo Maqubela
Timothy McLaughlin
Nicole Muto-Graves
Nick Nawrocki

Jamie Newsome
Alexander Nunez
Hayley Poole
Zachery Sarkis
Rachel Stern
Bryce Stocks
Caroline Will
Zachary Wilmarth
Brandon Wright
Calvin Zhao

GRADE 6

Adam Arsenault
Sydney Bagley
Rachael Berman
Tyler Britt
Frank Cieri
Caroline Cormier
Christopher Cowe
Louisa Dallett
Megan Fanning
Peter Ferrante
Sabrina Galiney

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Michelle Hantman
Jessica Horton
Michael Ippolito
Cameron John
Tucker Kavanagh
Gray Marchese
Nina Mazzarelli
Alex Mellin
Stephanie Neville
Jamison Poland
James Pramberg
Shane Psionos
Shannon Reilly
James Rulio
Michael Rulio
Hailey Scott
George Tourkakis
Katherine Wilkins
Nicole Zohdi

West Middle students named to third-term honors

West Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for Term 3:

Grade 6

HIGH HONORS

Molly Awiszus
Anna Barr
Tara Benson
Matthew Broderick
Gregory Brown
Eric Buck
Gregory Calabro
Shannon Callahan
Enzhao Chen
Joshua Chevalier
Jaymi Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Sarah Creese
Marian Crockett
Lily Daigle
Jacquelyne DiTroia
Elizabeth Donohue
Anne Farnham
Kate Farnham
Sarah Freedman
Sarah Gillis
Carolyn Goldstein
Flora Han
Robert Hawes
Marianne Heckendorn
Sarah Hill
Gregory Howard
Jun Ishihara
Anielle Keller
Henry Kloss
Elise Krekorian
Anne Kuan
Alexis Latsey
Henry Lindblad
Amanda MacDonald

Emmy Mai
Rachel Marget
Samantha Marton
Kathleen McGinty
Ruby Mercure
Matthew Minigell
Minali Mohindra
Benjamin Murphy
Shannon Murphy
Demosthenis Papadopoulos
Brendan Paquette
Justin Partika
Christina Pellegrino
Elizabeth Pellegrino
Kaley Ricciardelli
Anna Ryan
Samantha Stettiner
Courtney Stone
Juliana Tran
Linda Wang
Ian Whitney

Honors

Jessica Adam
Jonah Adler
Anastasia Aguinik
Alexis Belliard-Harmon
Margaret Berthiaume
Jillian Beucier
Hannah Bowler
Taylor Carvalho
Che Wei Chu
Henry Chuang
Will Clark
Thomas Cooper
Matthew Crush
Sarah Curran
Alexander Davidson
Connor Drooff
Lindsey Dunlevy
Justin Edelman
Alyson Fazio
Lauren Feole

Ryan Fleming
Timothy Gibson
Rose Goodwin
Michelle Gordon
Katja Grober
James Hoar
David Iannafio
Andrew Johnian
Carissa Johnson
Anna Jurek
Conrad Krendel-Clark
Alexander Krieger
Timothy LaBrie
Victoria LaFortune
Timothy Leeman
Laura Lilley
Michelle Lin
Joseph Malcolm
Samuel Masters
Patrick McDonough
Matthew McIver
Mohana Nagda
Garrett Owen
Sara Doyle
Bethany Dummermuth
Elizabeth Felter
Lucas Fenstermacher
David Field
Hayley Finn
Daniel Fisch
Derek Franzese
Chelsea Frei
Sabrina Fullam
Michael Galletti
Carly Golan
Andrea Greenberg
Amanda Gusovsky
Kelsey Hodas
Annie Hudak
Donald Hunt
John Ingram
Abhiram Iyengar
Joshua Jacobs

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

Jason Andresen
Rachel Aronovitz
Dennis Begos
Annesha Bhattacharya
Evan Birenbaum
Nathan Bryant
Reid Campbell
Kelsey Chapman
Theresa Cloutier
Meghan Collins
Meghan Conger
Daniel Conway
Jillian Conway
Emily DeLemos
Edward Deane
Thomas Dempsey
Danielle DiCenzo
David DiStefano
Laura Dimitruk
Katherine Donohue
Sara Doyle
Bethany Dummermuth
Elizabeth Felter
Lucas Fenstermacher
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Kelsey Hodas
Annie Hudak
Donald Hunt
John Ingram
Abhiram Iyengar
Joshua Jacobs

Olivia Johnson
William Keller
Daniel Kloss
Panayioti Kostakis
Amy Lowe
David Lyle
Kaitlin Mara
Carli Markus
Rebecca Matsumoto
Danielle McCullough
Courtney McDonald
Janki Patel
Kishan Patel
Alexandra Perry
Lindsay Reilly
Joshua Riemer
Emily Shields
Danielle Slauzis
Chisato Suga
Caroline Szendey
Conor Timmins
Natalia Vaz
Tyler Vaz
Kara Walsh
Brendan Wang
Agnes Wong
Jennifer Zhou
Alexandra Zigmont

Honors

Laura Cahill
Joshua Canner
Jennifer Caro
Jennifer Caron
Rory Carvalho
Anna Clark
Kathryn Conti
Shannon Conway
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Tyler McGarry
Patrick McGinn
Morgan Messina
Frank Mulcahey
Rebecca Noymer
Stephen O'Kelly
Joseph Olney
Shannon Quinlan
Colin Rivet
Thomas Rizzo
Pauline Russell
Kevin Shamo
Amy Tanner
Anna Vecchi
Allyson Wheelwright
Kevin Yang

Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

Samantha Arnold
Kayla Baldwin
Krishnan Chandra
Cassandra Drivas
Julia Dwyer
Taryn Ferguson
Emily Finneran
Julie Frish

Sean Gibson
Jacob Gilman
Rosemary Greeley
Shane Huggins
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Timothy McLaughlin
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Alicia Scarpa
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Sahana Simha
Colleen Stewart
Emily Stdsen
Tyler Streb
Kaleigh Timmins
Andrew Wang
Carly Wareham
Victor Xu
Aaron Yang

Jennifer Yim

Monica Yim

Honors

Karen Abou Hamad
Carly Allen
Kevin Anderson
Jeffrey Birenbaur
Elizabeth Borset
Joseph Bramant
Nicholas Burdeau
Elizabeth Callier
Jonathan Chan
Alyssa Cummings
Joshua Elowe
Aaron Fahy
Brittany Furey
Nicole Glesmann
Hammad Hassan
Colleen Hespeler
Abigail Howard
James Johnson
Spencer L
Jason Mandelbaum
Jillian Mandell
Michaela McIver
Abraham Oh
Stacy Ota
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LOCAL SCHOLARS

GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY

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Nicole Cahill, grade 9; Hope Fried, grade 9; William Kavanagh III, grade 9; Anna O'Neal, grade 9; Kurt Berthiaume, grade 10; Max LeSaffre, grade 10; Meghan Doherty, grade 11; Ania Krzywicki, grade 12; and Kathryn Malleck, grade 12.

Named to the honor roll were Andover residents Julia Blanter,

grade 9; Matthew Fisch, grade 10; Matthew Krzywicki, grade 10; Joseph Cartolano, grade 11; Nicholas Caro, grade 12; Todd Eudailey, grade 12; and David Shack, grade 12.

Lawrence Academy in Groton announced that several Andover students were named to the academic honor roll for the spring trimester.

High honors were awarded to

seniors Michael Draheim and Megan Sebaskey; junior Gaetano Morello; sophomores Jamie Crockett, Peter Galvin and Sam Grant; and ninth-graders Timothy Caron, Shannon Muscatello and Jennifer Samel.

Honors were awarded to seniors Emilie Lantelme, Lexi Schiff and Pauline Viscosi; juniors Ben Elowe and Matt Moschitto; sophomores Becky Cowie, Andrew Gilboard and Mia Huntley; and ninth-graders

Qasim Ahmed and Nisreen Dahod.

Also at Lawrence Academy, sophomore Sam Grant was named the Most Valuable Player on the varsity tennis team. Playing in the No. 3 spot, Grant earned the recognition as a result of his steady performance at that position throughout the season. A high-honors student, Grant also plays varsity soccer and junior varsity hockey.

Brooks School in North Andover announced that the following Andover residents are members of the graduating class of 2006.

(Students are listed with the college they will attend in parentheses.)

HIGH HONORS: Alexandra Caffrey (University of Pennsylvania), Joseph Malarney (Trinity College), and Adam Rousmaniere (Harvard University).

HONORS: Sara Christopher (Connecticut College), Chelsey Portney (Smith College), and J. Patrick Tonelli (Tufts University).

WITH DISTINCTION: Ayesha Ahmed

(Boston University) and Duncan Will IV (Occidental College).

DIPLOMAS: Michael Bruno (Connecticut College), Kaitlyn Conway (Colby College), David Rountree (Johns Hopkins University), Jennifer Russell (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and Alexander Vendola (St. Lawrence University).

Punchard High School class of 1951 planning reunion

Punchard High School class of 1951 plans to hold its 55th reunion Aug. 18-20.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Ben Stafford at 603-483-5726.

It is not necessary to have graduated with the class to attend. Anyone interested in attending is most welcome, said organizers.

Phillips Academy conducting summer interviews for admission

Phillips Academy is conducting interviews now through Sept. 4 for local students planning to apply for admission to the 2007-08 school year.

Each applicant to Phillips Academy is required to have a personal interview as part of the admission process. In response to an unprecedented demand last year for fall interviews, the Office of Admission is encouraging local families to take advantage of their proximity to Phillips Academy and come to campus during the summer for an interview.

Interviews and student-guided tours are being offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Friday, and from 9 to 11

a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These visits provide time to learn about the school and to speak with admission counselors and student tour guides. All summer tour guides are current day students who are eager to share their perspectives and experiences. The Office of Admission will host two open houses (one late fall, the other in mid-January) so local families can visit while school is in session.

To schedule an interview and tour, call the Phillips Academy Office of Admission at 978-749-4050. For more information about the admission process, call Lisa Joel, associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4053.

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Sports

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

SEPTEMBER

- 8 — North Andover, 7 p.m. (non-league)
- 16 — at Austin Prep, 11 a.m., at Father Seymore Field (non-league)
- 21 — at Dracut, 7 p.m. (Beaudry Field)
- 29 — Billerica, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 6 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m. (Haverhill Stadium)
- 13 — Tewksbury, 7 p.m.
- 20 — Lowell, 7 p.m.
- 27 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)

NOVEMBER

- 3 — at Methuen, 7 p.m. (Nicholson Stadium)
- 10 — at Marblehead, 7 p.m. (non-league)
- 23 — Central Catholic, 10:30 a.m.

Head Coach: Ken Maglio (11th year, career record: 51-54-2).

Assistant Coaches: Joe Marinaro, Pat Finn, Bob Fitzmaurice, Ken Pellerin, Tom Kenney, John Rex.

Record Last Year: 4-7.

BOYS SOCCER

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

SEPTEMBER

- 6 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 — Andover/North Andover Tournament vs. Pentucket Regional, 5:30 p.m. (North Andover High)
- 10 — Andover/North Andover Tournament, consolation and championship games, opponent & time TBA (Lovely Field)
- 12 — Lowell, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
- 14 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 — Tewksbury, 5 p.m. (at Lawrence)
- 19 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (Alumni Field)
- 28 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 — at Lawrence, 7 p.m. (Veterans Stadium)
- 7 — at Danvers, 7 p.m. (non-league)
- 10 — Methuen, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
- 12 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 14 — St. John's Prep, 7 p.m., at Lovely Field (non-league)
- 17 — at Lowell, 7 p.m. (Cawley Stadium)
- 19 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)

24 — Central Catholic, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
28 — at Ipswich, 10 a.m. (non-league)
Head Coach: Mike Wartman (5th year, career record: 49-23-5).

JV Coach: Jim Saalfrank.

Record Last Year: 15-4-1.

GIRLS SOCCER

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

SEPTEMBER

- 7 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 9-10 — at Notre Dame Academy-Hingham Tournament, opponents and times TBA
- 12 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 14 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m.
- 19 — Central Catholic, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
- 21 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 — at Cambridge Rindge & Latin, 4:15 p.m. (non-league)
- 28 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 — at Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
- 5 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 14 — Cambridge Rindge & Latin, 5:30 p.m., at Lovely Field (non-league)

17 — Billerica, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
19 — Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
21 — Notre Dame Academy-Hingham, 7 p.m., at Lovely Field (non-league)
24 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
28 — North Andover, 7 p.m., at Lovely Field (non-league)

Head Coach: Meghan Lynch (3rd year, first two as co-head).

JV Coach: Fred Tarbox.

Record Last Year: 12-4-7, Division 1 North Tournament semifinalist.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)

SEPTEMBER

- 6 — at Reading, 4 p.m. (non-league)
- 8 — Lawrence, 5 p.m.
- 11 — at Lexington, 4 p.m. (non-league)
- 13 — Haverhill, 5 p.m.
- 15 — at Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 — at Peabody, 5 p.m. (non-league)
- 20 — Dracut, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 — Billerica, 5 p.m.
- 27 — Tewksbury, 5 p.m.
- 29 — at Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 4 — at Methuen, 5 p.m.
- 5 — Melrose, 5 p.m. (non-league)
- 10 — Peabody, 5 p.m. (non-league)
- 11 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 5 p.m.
- 13 — at Lawrence, 5 p.m.
- 18 — Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 — at Billerica, 5 p.m.
- 24 — at Lowell, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 — Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 — Lexington, time TBA (non-league, MVC Volleyball Night at Chelmsford High)

Head Coach: George Sullivan & Art Iworsley (21st year, career record: 284-132).

Freshman Coach: Dave Kuykendall.

Record Last Year: 20-5, Division 1 North Tournament champ; State semifinalist.

GOLF

(Home Matches at Indian Ridge CC)

SEPTEMBER

- 5 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Trull Brook GC)
- 8 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Chelmsford CC)
- 11 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack GC)
- 12 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m. (Green Meadow GC)
- 21 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m. (Haverhill CC)
- 25 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (CC of Billerica)
- 27 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 28 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 5 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Mt. Pleasant GC)
- 11 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 — at Division 1 North Sectionals, 8 a.m., site TBA (must qualify)
- 19 — at MVC Individual Championship, 10:30 a.m. (Vesper CC, Tyngsboro)
- 23 — at State Division 1 Championship, site & time TBA (must qualify)

Head Coach: Ken Kwajewski (4th year, career record: 31-16-1).

Record Last Year: 11-5, 2nd at North Sectionals; 6th at State Championship.

FIELD HOCKEY

(Home Games at Andover High)

(Night Games at Lovely Field)

SEPTEMBER

- 11 — Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)
- 29 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 5 — at Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 14 — at Dracut, 3 p.m.
- 17 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Gloucester, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 24 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Maureen Noone (9th year, career record: 97-32-24).

JV Coach: Sheila Salois.

Record Last Year: 14-2-4, MVC champs.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

(Home Meets at Gr. Lawrence Vo-Tech)

SEPTEMBER

- 11 — at Belmont, 4 p.m. (non-league)
- 15 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 — at Acton-Boxboro, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 29 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 — Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 13 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — at Lexington, 5:45 p.m. (non-league)
- 27 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 — MVC Diving Championships, 3:30 p.m. (Lowell High)
- 3 — MVC Swimming Championship, 3:30 p.m. (Haverhill High)
- 11 — Division 1 North Sectional Championship, site & time TBA
- 18 — All-State Division 1 Championship, site & time TBA

Head Coach: Marilyn Fitzgerald (14th year, career record: 132-24).

Assistant Coach: Becky Pierce.

Record Last Year: 11-0, MVC, Division 1 North and State Division 1 champ.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER

- 13 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 — at Tewksbury w/Methuen & Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 30 — at Bay State Invitational, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)

OCTOBER

- 4 — at Haverhill w/Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 — at Chelmsford w/Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 28 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Chelmsford

NOVEMBER

- 4 — at State Coaches Meet, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)
- 11 — at State Division 1 Meet, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)
- 18 — at All-State Meet, time & site TBA

Head Coach: Leo Lafond (20th year).

Assistant Coaches: Russ Wrigley, Brenda Clark-Warne.

Record Last Year: 7-3.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER

- 13 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 — at Tewksbury w/Methuen & Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 30 — at Bay State Invitational, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)

OCTOBER

- 4 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 — at Chelmsford w/Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 28 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Chelmsford

NOVEMBER

- 4 — at State Coaches Meet, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)
- 11 — at State Division 1 Meet, 10 a.m., at Franklin Park (Boston)
- 18 — at All-State Meet, time & site TBA

Head Coach: Leo Lafond (20th year).

Assistant Coaches: Russ Wrigley, Brenda Clark-Warne.

Record Last Year: 2-7.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

SEPTEMBER

- 8 — at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 — Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (Marshall Middle School Field)

OCTOBER

- 6 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Doucette Stadium)
- 20 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Memorial Stadium)
- 27 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 3 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 — Marblehead, 4 p.m.
- 17 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Coaches: Tom Kenney, John Rex

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER

- 11 — at Tyngsboro, 4 p.m.
- 13 — Haverhill, 4 p.m.
- 15 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 — at Lowell, 4 p.m.
- 27 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 5 — Tyngsboro, 4 p.m.
- 10 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 — at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 12 — Methuen, 4 p.m.
- 17 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 24 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kristen Lehman

FRESHMAN GIRLS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

- 15 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 27 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 4 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 6 — Wilmington, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 10 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 — Notre Dame Academy-Hingham, 4 p.m. (non-league)
- 24 — at Wilmington, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 27 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Jen Prudden.

FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

- 15 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 27 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 — at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)

OCTOBER

- 4 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 10 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 — Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 13 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 — at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 27 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Scott Armstrong.

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At the Seaside Classic

Andover U-14 girls' soccer players participated in the annual Seaside Classic soccer tournament held at the fields of the University of Rhode Island in Kingstown, R.I. The team finished in third place, and its members were the recipients of the Good Sportsmanship Award. The girls representing Andover were (front, from left): Kristin Flynn, Chelsea Frei, Ashley Blanks, Morgan Messina, Samantha Arnold, Elizabeth Gilbert. Back: Natalie Sousa, Michaela Van Antwerp, Caroline O'Sullivan, Sandra Lewis, Vanessa Singleton, Natalie Gibson, Cassandra Divas, Alice Grant and Melissa Pennington. Not pictured: Coaches Bill Pennington and Carol Arnold.

Dive right into this clinic

Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover is sponsoring two Springboard Diving Clinics for boys and girls, ages 12-18 years, who have not graduated from high school.

The clinics will be held at the GLTS school pool, 57 River Road, Andover, starting Aug. 7 and ending Aug. 19. Session 1 will be held Monday through Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Session 2 will be held Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 9 p.m.

The fee for each session is \$150.

Lifelong diving coach and Andover resident Dick Lennon is the clinic director/instructor. He is a certified swim and dive official and is the State Meet director for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

For further information and registration, call Aquatic Director Marilyn Fitzgerald at 978-686-0194, Ext. 7033; or Dick Lennon at 978-475-4336.

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Andrew Coke of Andover, who will enter the eighth grade at

West Middle School this fall, played for the New England Firebirds in the recently-concluded National AAU Baseball Tournament (13-under division) at the new Cal Ripken Complex in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Firebirds, who were coached by former Andover High and South Florida University lefty pitching standout Dave Blank, finished the highly-competitive tournament with a 2-4 record.

Coke batted .500, going 5-for-10 at the plate, and he also had two outfield assists.

Andrew is the grandson of Andrew Shea of Andover.

Andover is well-represented at the 32nd annual Hockey Night in Boston Summer Showcase of the Stars Tournament running July 29 through Aug. 15 at the Chelmsford Forum and Salem, N.H. Icenter.

Skating for the Merrimack

Valley/Central team will be forwards John Hyslip of Andover High, Andover resident Luke Miller who played at St. John's Prep in Danvers, and Bobby Farnham of North Andover who plays for Phillips Academy and had 40 goals and 68 points last season.

The Middlesex team includes forward Joe Smith of Phillips Academy.

North Shore players with Andover ties are forwards Tucker Mullin of Andover High, Jack Fitts who was a PG at Phillips Academy, John Penney who attended Tilton Academy

and goaltender Dan Abreu.

Mullin scored 27 points last winter. Fitts had 31 goals and 18 assists and Abreu posted a 1.70 goals-against average with five shutouts.

P.J. Paonessa will skate at forward for the Suburban team.

More than 400 of the nation's top scholastic hockey players from 30 states and Canada will play in the tourney.

Eighteen teams will compete in 63 first-round games which are all free of charge. There is an admission charge for playoff games Aug. 12-15 at the Icenter.

At the recent NHL Draft in Vancouver, nine former HNIB Tournament participants were chosen.

Last winter more than 60 former tourney participants wore NHL jerseys, including some sporting multi-million dollar contracts.

Several young Andover golfers qualified to compete in the Massachusetts Junior Amateur Tournament this past weekend at Monosnock CC.

Qualifying at Mt. Pleasant Golf Club in Lowell last week were James Miller of Indian Ridge Country Club and Armand McLaughlin of Andover Country Club in the Pre-Junior Division, along with Sean Breen of Andover CC in the Junior Division.

Miller was the fourth qualifier after shooting 39-39-78, and McLaughlin was fifth at 42-40-82.

Breen was second in his division with a two-over 37-37-74.

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Local teams qualify for playoffs

All three Andover teams in the Robbins/Suburban Pony Baseball League have qualified for the first round of playoffs, with all best-of-3 series opening last night (Wednesday) after Townsman presstime and continuing tonight.

If third games are necessary in any of the series, they will be played tomorrow night.

All games are at 5:30 p.m.

In the 14-15 Division, once-beaten top seed Andover Blue (18-1 overall record) hosted No. 8 Dracut Blue (10-8-1) last night at Peter Aumais Park while No. 2 seed Andover Gold (17-2) hosted No. 7 Tyngsboro Red (10-7-2) at the AHS junior varsity field.

Tonight's second games are being played at the Dracut High junior varsity field and Bridge-Meadow Field in Tyngsboro, respectively.

Third games, if needed, will be back in Andover.

In the 13-year-old Division, No. 3 seed Andover (13-5) hosted No. 6 Dracut (10-7-1) last night at Merrimack College.

Game two is tonight at the Dracut High freshman field and a third game will be back in Andover if necessary.

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Townspeople

From hallways to wooded trails

Ranger Ruth leads nature tours at Poms Pond

By Judy Wakefield

NEXT MONTH, she'll be Mrs. Masters again, walking the hallways of Andover High.

But all summer, the teens she works with at Poms Pond called her Ranger Ruth.

After all, for the past two summers, teacher Ruth Masters has been part of the pond's summer staff, leading nature walks along the hidden trails at the town's swimming hole.

The Wednesday and Sunday afternoon walks are free for anyone who has a season's pass or a day pass to the pond.

Masters is a certified seasonal park ranger who spent two years in the late 1980s working for the National Park Service in Philadelphia, Pa., home to the Liberty Bell and numerous historic houses. Questions from tourists were numerous and even though it was an urban setting, there were trails and nature paths to enjoy.

Masters said she enjoyed every minute of that job, so when Andover High teaching colleague Brian Parker, who runs Poms Pond every summer, caught wind of her ranger experience, he proposed she lead nature walks at Recreation Park's 431 acres as a way for

visitors to learn more about the area. Poms is a part of the park.

"I think this is a great little gem and I am so surprised that so few people know about it," Masters said from the pond shore earlier this week. "I think this is so pristine, so pretty and I was happy to come here."

During her 30- to 45-minute walks around the pond, Masters is typically surrounded by children, who are thrilled by her knowledge. Adults have joined as well. Masters points out the dangers of a nasty, shiny, three-leafed plant (poison ivy). Kids always like to see spider eggs, which are plentiful on the grounds.

Everyone must spray on bug repellent.

Spotting a beaver dam, she reminds the youth that they "have teeth like fingernails," and she enjoys pointing out blue herons, which "look like stumps."

The resident turtle, named Remy, makes sporadic appearances. A red-tailed hawk impressed the crowd when it landed on a swing set last year.

Masters offered binoculars and many kids still remember the view.

Bird berries must not be eaten, but the pond's blueberries

and blackberries are good snacks.

The fire damage caused by vandals over the years does not get overlooked.

"We talk a lot about the dangers of fire and I point out what it does," she said, pointing to burned trees. "The kids will hopefully learn from this and never do it."

Smokey the Bear she is not, but most young tour participants know of the famous bear, so she plays along if anyone compares.

"It's just a hidden gem here and it's a relaxing enjoyable time when I come here," she said. "It's great teaching others about it."

"She's a great addition to the staff," Parker said of Masters. "Her tours offer a glimpse of the beauty here...We're stewards of the land here and we both believe this is a wonderful place to have in town."

Masters' Ranger Ruth role suits her just fine during the summer, but she also looks forward to her September switch back to teacher, when she can put away her ranger hat.

Masters teaches grades 9, 11 and 12. She is married to Howard Masters, and the Andover couple has two children, Sam, 12, and Rebecca, 8.



Her official ranger uniform from the 1980s is long gone, but Ranger Ruth — aka Andover High social studies teacher Ruth Masters — still has her official ranger hat from those days, which she wears here as she points out some edible berries on a Poms Pond trail.

A safe crossing

Eagle Scout project improves conservation land

By Megan Richards
What's Up contributor

THROUGH THE RAIN, heat, and mud, three Andover boys worked together for months to improve a section of Andover's conservation land. Brothers Mark, Michael and Christopher Sukiennik want to become Eagle Scouts, the

final rank of Boy Scouts.

To become Eagle Scouts, they needed to complete a final project to show their dedication to the community and to the environment.

"We are really interested in the outdoors and because we really wanted to become Eagle Scouts, combining these two interests was a good

idea," said Mark, 16.

The Sukienniks chose to improve an area of the Merrimack River Trail so that animals and people could enjoy the area. Mark built a 16-foot bridge to replace an older one that had become dangerous.

Michael, also 16, constructed a picnic area complete with three picnic tables, a grill, and various trees and plants. And Christopher, 17, built and installed duck and birdhouses throughout the trail, cleaned up trash, put up signs, and made a brochure for the area.

The Sukienniks' work extends from behind the Business Park in Andover to the Andover Companies — and is open for all to enjoy.

"I think that our work will allow people who use the trail to relax and enjoy the surroundings better," said Mark. "Now everyone can use our

resources to appreciate the sights of nature. There are brochures that will allow residents to walk along the trail and better understand the different species. The bridge will allow people to cross the stream, making it safer and more accessible for the elderly."

The cumulative project began on May 2, when it was approved by the Conservation Commission, and it is still being refined as the brothers raise money, fill out necessary paperwork, and finish the trail brochure. But most of all three projects was finished by the end of June.

Town Conservation Director Robert Douglas, the Conservation Commission, the Andover Companies, ASA Construction Co., Troop 75 and other volunteers also assisted, but Mark said, "Without the support of our family, I don't think I could have come this far as a Scout."

The Sukiennik brothers worked together to improve an area of the Merrimack River Trail and earn the Eagle Scout rank. Their work included replacing an old bridge with modern construction (below). At right: Testing the newly constructed bridge (from left) are Town Conservation Director Robert Douglas, Christopher Sukiennik, Howard Kassler, Mark Sukiennik, and Michael Sukiennik. One of the birdhouses the Scouts put up is at left in the background, behind Douglas.



Delighting in helping others

By Michelle Wiener
What's Up contributor

Sahana Anand is 5. Her twin sisters, Arya and Diya, are 7. And the three sisters from Andover already have a long record of giving back.

The girls and their parents, mom Archana and dad Rajnish Anand, have always donated toys and set aside some of the girls' gift money for charity. For the last three years, they have participated every October in a walk-a-thon for juvenile diabetes, after a close family friend was diagnosed at the age of 6.

The Anands, of Forest Hill Drive, have family in India, and they returned home after visiting there for a wedding one month before a devastating tsunami hit.

Fortunately, their family was OK, but with Diya and Arya's sixth birthday only three months later, they decided they wanted to do something to help the victims. The twins wanted to invite school friends, family, and family friends, so their parents decided to have two parties.

"We went through the whole conversation that they didn't need that many gifts," explains Archana Anand.

So the girls had a bulb-planting party for the

family, where each person took home a small plant in their goody bag. The money their parents "saved" was given to the girls to donate.

Diya and Arya also asked for small donations instead of gifts. In the end, they raised about \$500 for the tsunami victims.

Recently, Sahana donated her hair to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hair prosthetics for children with long-term medical hair loss. She grew her hair for 18 months knowing that she was going to donate it (see photos at right).

Sahana said she does this "because for people who don't have hair from [their] medicine, you can grow it [your hair] and cut it." She cut off 12 inches of hair three weeks ago at Snip-its in North Andover. Sahana, who was still 4 when she cut it, says she "felt happy" to donate her hair. Now 5, Sahana will attend kindergarten at High Plain Elementary next month.

"We're lucky to have a strong family support system and a strong group of friends," says Archana Anand. "We live in such a great town with great schools and our kids have so many privileges. We've always wanted the girls to understand that there's a world out there beyond their friends and family."



Sahana Raven Anand: Before (top) and after.

LOTS OF LOCKS

Charlotte Reeves, 7, donated 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love in May. Charlotte lives on Wolcott Avenue. She attends West Elementary and will be in the second grade in September. Andover resident Selina Mancuso, 10, cut her hair earlier this summer, donating 12 inches to Locks of Love. Selina will enter the fifth grade at West Elementary in September. She lives on Woodhaven Drive.



Charlotte Reeves



Selina Mancuso

ENGAGEMENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Married 65 years

Mildred (Lee) and Howard West celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 14.

Longtime residents of Andover, the Wests made their home on Haggetts Pond Road, and they have lived there their whole married life.

Graduates of Puncard High School, Mrs. West has lived in West Andover since she was 3. She had to walk more than a mile to Haggetts Pond to catch the school bus. Her husband grew up in town on Pine Street.

In 1941, when they were married, West Andover was considered to be "in the sticks," their family said, with many small farms in the area. The young couple had to rely on weekly deliveries from the ice man, fish man, milkman, and bakery delivery man to keep their pantry stocked, as downtown Andover was more than 6 miles away.

They raised chickens and a few pigs, and over the years have had many vegetable gardens. They started with a Victory garden during the war years and it grew and continued until recently.

The Wests have three children: Judith Stevens, who now lives with them; William West of Groveland; and Alan West of Pittsburgh, Pa. They have eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Howard and Mildred (Lee) West

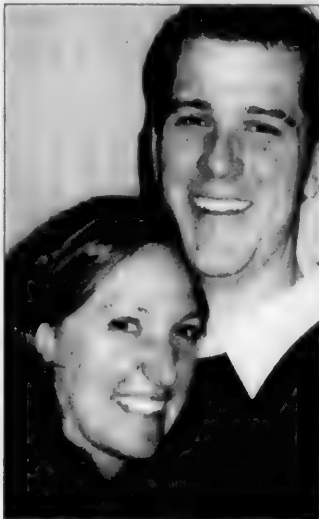
Findlay-Scarpulla

Norman and Suzanne Scarpulla of Andover announce the engagement of their son Michael, to Laura Patrick Findlay. She is the daughter of William and Jane Findlay of Grand Junction, Colo.

Ms. Findlay, a graduate of University of Colorado, will receive a master's degree in literacy curriculum and instruction in August.

Mr. Scarpulla is a graduate of Andover High School and Brown University. He received a PhD in materials science and engineering from University of California Berkeley in May.

The wedding will take place Aug. 12 on Grand Mesa, Colo.



Laura Findlay and Michael Scarpulla

Caviasca-Horton

Robert and Marie Caviasca of Saugus announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Eric Horton, son of Reeta Horton of Andover and the late Bruce Horton.

Ms. Caviasca graduated from Saugus High School and Salem State College with a degree in early childhood education. She received a master's degree from Cambridge College and is employed as a kindergarten teacher in the Melrose Public Schools.

Mr. Horton is a graduate of Austin Preparatory School, the College of the Holy Cross, and National College of Chiropractic. He received his degree as a physician assistant from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and is employed by New Hampshire Orthopaedic Surgery in Manchester, N.H.

The couple plan a November wedding.



Eric Horton and Christine Caviasca

BIRTHS

BROMBERG - A son, Zachary Gordon Bromberg, born to Steve and Shannon Bromberg of Livermore, Calif., on May 9. Grandparents are Ellie Bromberg of Andover and the late Herbert Bromberg, and

Bob and Eve McBride, of Reedley, Calif.

DOUGHERTY - A son, Joseph Edward Dougherty, born to Lauren M. (DiStefano) and Daniel P. Dougherty of Natick on April 11. Grandparents are Lawrence and Carol DiStefano of Andover, and Ned Dougherty of Newport, R.I., and the late Jane Dougherty.

MCGRATH - A son, Connor John McGrath, born to Kelly M. (Young) and Daniel P. McGrath of Wilmington on May 22 at Massachusetts General Hospital. Grandparents are Judy and Fred Young of Salem, N.H., formerly of Andover, and Michelina McGrath of Malden. Great-grandmother is Carmela Young of Wakefield. Connor joins older sister, Ava, 21 months old.

LUIS - A daughter, Paige F. Luis, born to April J. (Pfannenstiel) and Renato H. Luis of Andover on March 17. Grandparents are Jaime and Lucinda Luis of Tewksbury.

WYNN - A son, Sean James Wynn, born to Andrea (Spignesi) and Jeff Wynn of Bradford on July 5. Grandparents are John and Mary Spignesi of Andover, and John and Miriam Wynn of Tewksbury. Great-grandmother is Gertrude O'Neill of Malden. Sean joins Ryan, 5½, and Erin, 3.

Cornell-Buttner

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Cornell of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Lee Cornell of Andover, to Andrew Robert Buttner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buttner of Plymouth.

Ms. Cornell, a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree in biology from Haverford College and a master's degree from Harvard University. She is a math and science teacher at Dana Hall School.

Mr. Buttner, a graduate of Tabor Academy, received a bachelor's degree from Connecticut College and is studying for a master's degree in system engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Andrew Buttner and Catherine Cornell

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Funny friends

Before leaving Africa, the Kid must meet media stars Owen and Mzee. The unlikely pair lives at Haller Forest near Mombasa, Kenya.

Owen, a baby hippopotamus, survived the tsunami that struck on Dec. 26, 2004.

Mzee, an Aldabran Tortoise, is over 130 years old. His name means "old man" in Swahili.

When Owen was less than a year old, a flood washed Owen and his family down the Sabuki River and into the Indian Ocean. Then, tsunami waves struck. He was separated from his mother and stranded on a reef.

He was rescued near Malindi, a small coastal town about two hours north of Mombasa. People named him Owen, after a young man who helped rescue the baby hippo.

A truck ride took Owen to his new home at Lafarge Park. The baby hippo arrived tired, afraid and confused.

After Owen was released at the park, he went right over to a huge tortoise. Perhaps the big gray mound looked like his mother.

Mzee hissed angrily and walked away... Owen followed. Mzee was not excited about sharing his space with a 650-pound baby hippo. But Owen was looking for a friend. Mzee was about to become a stand-in parent.

By the next morning, Mzee had accepted his new friend. Normally, tortoises are not social. They don't move around with each other and don't care for their babies.

Hippopotamuses are different. They are sociable and live in herds. A young hippo will cuddle and stay close to its mother for four years.

Hippopotamuses get very large. An adult hippo is about the same size as a rhinoceros, about 11 feet long and five feet tall. An adult weighs 5,000 pounds or more.

Hippopotamuses have short legs, a large body and large head. They are cousins to whales.

In the wild, hippos spend most of the day in water and come out at night to feed. When they are out of the water they often rest their heads on objects.

Owen rests his head on Mzee when they lie together. Somehow, Mzee has accepted being followed and cuddled by Owen. The two go into the water together, walk together and sleep together. If someone approaches Mzee, Owen tries to protect his friend.

Hippopotamuses have muscular lips that they use to tear off grass. They also use their lips to nuzzle things around them. It's their way of touching and checking things out. Owen likes to nuzzle and nibble on Mzee's hind foot.

Soon, Owen will be introduced to Cleo, an adult female hippo. He will learn to interact with other hippos. A new space is planned so Cleo, Owen and Mzee can live together. Owen and Mzee live in a beautiful animal sanctuary built



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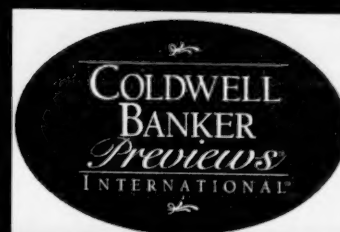
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ANDOVER - \$799,000

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ANDOVER - \$829,000

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THE BACK PAGE

Pomps Pond: Some of us liked it more (or less) than others



Bill Dalton

I don't like ponds very much. I like bigger water. Oceans are best, lakes are fun, and some bigger ponds are OK, but little ponds — like Pomps — never entice me. I think of them as mosquito breeding grounds. Of course, when I grew up in Andover, I spent time at Pomps anyway. For me, Pomps was a default place: if I couldn't scratch up enough kids to play baseball, if I was bored and just hanging around, I might as well head to Pomps. The pond was murky and a mite smelly, and when I got a few feet offshore the bottom felt cruddy. So, in plain words, I didn't like Pomps, and none of my friends raved about swimming there either; yet, we would sometimes end up there, anyway.

I had learned to swim elsewhere but for kids who needed lessons, Pomps was a godsend. In an earlier column, I quoted Linda Fisher Lounsbury who described ... "the Cross Coal dump truck that would pick up the townies to go for their swimming lessons every day during the summer at Pomps Pond[.] The big royal blue truck was revamped to have rows of benches. Of course it was an open air type of ride. When we would go over a bump in the road, everyone would go up from their seats about a foot and that would start us laughing. We did lots of laughing as kids. The moms would pack lunches and snacks then take the bus and spend the day watching their kids at the pond. At that time most of kids in Andover learned to swim at the pond."

Girls seemed more excited to be at the pond than boys, but partly that was because the boys were trying to be "cool." We boys who lived within biking distance put on a bathing suit and T-shirts and rode to Pomps with a towel around our necks. Later, we came home with wet suits, even though there were changing areas at the pond; it seemed simpler than carrying around a change of clothes. For boys, the beginning of summer at Pomps was marked by bumping and pushing that led to the sort of rough play that necessarily occurred between boys to establish a hierarchy. Sometimes, last summer's reputation was enough to get you through this summer. My friends and I knew who were the toughest kids in our groups, but at Pomps there were other kids, so the inevitable would happen. Kids would be on the raft and some kid we hardly knew would

push one of my friends into the water, or someone would hold another boy underwater too long, or cannonball too close. One thing or another would lead to a challenge and a bunch of us would leave the water to watch or participate in the fight. It was rare that anyone got hurt very much. The fights normally ended with a bloody nose or two kids rolling around in the dust. When one kid was beating up another, a bunch of us would jump in and stop the fight. It was a preservation of the species thing.

I once surfaced with a face mask and some crew-cut jerk popped up in front of me and pulled the mask down in such a way that scratched my nose. He disappeared as quickly as he appeared in underwater so murky he became invisible. I was ripping mad and spoiling for a chance to throttle him. I'd never seen him before and spent the rest of day looking for him. It was frustrating that I didn't find him, and for weeks I kept an eye out for him. It's funny how you remember things, but to this day I still can see his stupid face, and it still aggravates me 50 years later that I never got to punch him in the nose. He must have been from out of town.

My children's generation had a better facility. They could play ball or use the other athletic facilities that had been constructed at the surrounding Recreation Park. Still, when I asked two of my kids about the pond itself, the adjectives "dark" and "gross" were used. The way folks describe the water at Pomps Pond never changes. The town has added sand and expanded the beach, but the water stays the same. Besides the almost total lack of visibility beneath the water, there is the often peculiar odor.

I don't know how often the pond has closed due to bacteria, but it has been often, most recently a couple of weeks ago. The *Townsmen* mentioned that it hadn't had to close last year, "although it has had to close in previous years..." I wonder how many times it's had to close in the past 50 years. A lot, I'd guess. And lest you think only Pomps gets closed, that is not the case. Public swimming places, especially fresh-water ponds, are closed frequently for health reasons. In the early 1950s, Pomps was closed because of the polio epidemic, but that was an exceptional situation. High bacteria counts are usually the reason for closings, specifically coliform bacteria. Coliform is easy to measure and high counts often mean other bacteria are thriving as well. There are many kinds of coliform, some harmless, some not. If you get sick from coliform, it usually shows up as gastrointestinal distress. The

Andover health authorities carefully monitor the water and close Pomps whenever the bacteria count gets too high. The efficiency of these people is the reason why Pomps is so often closed.

Ponds are like big pots of soup: run-off from surrounding land, bird droppings, leaves blowing into the water, and people leaving bodily fluids in the water, all add organic matter to the pond, and when the weather heats up the bacteria thrive and multiply. Ponds are expected to have "some" coliform and other impurities, and it is simply part of the environment we live and play in. It's when the "some" gets too high that sickness can occur.

When I was growing up, there was another supposed danger: snapping turtles, which were more common then. Donald Dunn, for whom the high school gymnasium is named, was in charge of Pomps. He shot a bunch of snappers before swimming season started. I was discussing this practice with a Townie, who saw six snappers killed in this manner. The Townie expressed concern about how many snappers Mr. Dunn missed. I countered that I'd never heard of anyone being attacked by a snapping turtle while swimming, and that I thought the practice of shooting the turtles was unnecessary. Mr. Dunn, no doubt well-intended, was wrong. Snapping turtles are scary looking with their big size and spiked tails, but they are aggressive on land only, because they have no defense against what they sometimes presume is an attack. Unlike other turtles, snappers have such big bodies that they cannot withdraw into their shells for protection. Yet, they are as slow as other turtles, so they can't run and hide. When on land and sense they are being attacked, they do the only thing they can: they snap at their aggressors. Snappers only venture onto land in June and early July, and do it to lay their eggs. When in their normal fresh-water environment, they shy away from humans. They have an excellent sense of smell and can detect humans from a long way off. I assume these animals are left alone today.

According to my brother Bucky, Pomps also had, and may still have, some pretty good fishing on the side away from the beach. He remembers fishing with Bill Igoo, who was once the head of the high school guidance department, and Charlie Gregory, a popular, blunt-spoken teacher at Punchard. They caught a passel of fish. Thinking of that odorous water,

THEY ENJOYED IT



PHOTO BY JIM VAIKORAS

Nicole Raponi, 9, races against Rebecca Mini, 9, and her sister Racheal Mini, 6, during Pomps Pond Family Fun Day last Sunday.

I asked Bucky if they ate the fish, and he said they threw them back and were only fishing for the sport. (Coincidentally, my class, the class of '61, dedicated our yearbook to Mr. Igoo and gave a full page "Appreciation" to Mr. Gregory, who was retiring.)

My lack of fondness about swimming at Pomps might be a minority view. The town has certainly done a great job expanding the facility and testing the water for bacteria. There must be many readers who have memories of Pomps and its camps, particularly Camp Maude Eaton (or "Camp Moth Eaten," as we boys called it). If you have any memories that you wish to tell us, please write to the editor or send an e-mail to me at billdalton@billdaltononline.com. If emailing, please let me know if you wish to remain anonymous if I quote you. Photos are always appreciated.

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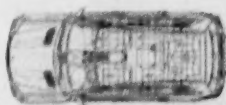
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